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## Irvine to scrap Bar's court monopoly



Irvine says change is long overdue

By FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor is to scrap the Bar's near-monopoly of work in the higher courts as part of a fresh onslaught on the remaining restrictive practices of the legal profession.

Lord Irvine of Lairg yesterday announced proposals to abolish "antiquated restrictions" that can force people to pay for two lawyers, a solicitor and a barrister, where one would do.

In a second swipe at lawyers' monopolies, he invited comment on whether to remove the monopoly solicitors enjoy in conducting litigation, that is, in preparing cases for trial so that the work could be done by barristers and legal executives.

He made clear that his plans to allow a wider range of lawyers into the higher courts, including Crown prosecutors, heralded a bigger shake-up of legal services this autumn.

The Lord Chancellor said he "expected" there would be a Modernisation of Justice Bill to widen consumer choice and improve the justice system for the people who use the courts. "Change is long overdue," he said. "The perception has grown that the legal system is dominated by the interests of lawyers, rather than by the need to provide justice for the people."

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## World Cup drink ban extended to Calais

By ADRIAN LEE AND SUSAN BELL

THE alcohol ban for England's crucial World Cup match in Lens tonight was yesterday extended to Calais. Cafés, bars, restaurants, supermarkets and the numerous English-owned beer and wine warehouses in the port must shut their doors from 8am today until noon tomorrow.

The ban, announced by the French authorities, will operate in conjunction with similar restrictions in Lens, where England need at least a draw against Colombia to reach the next stage. After clashes in Marseilles, alcohol restrictions in Toulouse, where there was little trouble, were

deemed a success. The new bans include drinking in the street.

Lens is braced for an invasion of up to 40,000 England fans, about 7,000 with official tickets. In Lille, where many will be based because of the accommodation shortage in Lens itself, alcohol-selling shops will close at 10 tonight but bars will stay open until 2am as usual.

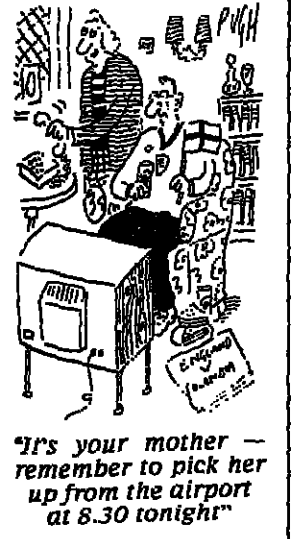
Ferry companies, which will carry the majority of the fans, will not prohibit alcohol sales, apparently in defiance of the wishes of the French authorities. Demand for places is expected to be even higher as the match coincides with the first day of a travel promotion run by *The Sun* offering foot passengers £1 crossings on P&O Stena crossings.

Special trains will operate from Lens to Calais after the match and negotiations were continuing last night to try to arrange early morning trains through the Channel Tunnel.

The alcohol ban infuriated British owners of beer and wine warehouses, for whom alcohol is a multimillion-pound business. Dave West 54, owner of the EastEnders warehouse, had anticipated doubling his sales as fans filled car boots and said the move would cost him tens of thousands of pounds. He was taking legal advice and would consider seeking compensation from the local authority.



Police patrol the streets of Lens, which expects up to 40,000 England fans for tonight's match with Colombia



"It's your mother - remember to pick her up from the airport at 8.30 tonight"

"If the fans want beer they will get it," said Mr West. "It will not achieve anything - all it does is penalise legitimate shoppers."

Simon Delannoy, 26, manager of the Wine and Beer Company, which has up to 1,000 British customers a day, said: "I can't afford to lose

more than a day's business. I have 20 staff and they will still have to be paid."

Thousands of holidaymakers and "booze cruisers" will be affected by the Calais ban, being forced to drive out of the area for purchases, and could also take legal action. Cars taking large quantities of alcohol into France via Calais will also be refused entry. Six carrying England fans were turned back yesterday. The alcohol ban will include the site for the Carrefour hypermarket. The Calais ban lasts six hours longer than that in Lens.

In yesterday's matches Holland and Mexico drew 2-2, and South Korea and Belgium drew 1-1. Holland and Mexico qualify for the second round. Germany beat Iran 2-0, and Yugoslavia beat the United States 1-0. Germany and Yugoslavia qualify.

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## Blair bows to pressure for landmine ban

By ANDREW PIERCE, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PARLIAMENT may sit on a Saturday for the first time since the Falklands war in a belated attempt by the Government to ratify the landmines ban championed by Diana, Princess of Wales, before the anniversary of her death.

The Cabinet bowed to backbench pressure yesterday and decided that time must be found in the packed parliamentary schedule to ensure that Britain is part of the first wave of 40 countries to adopt the Ottawa Treaty. The treaty becomes international law after 40 countries have ratified it; 25 have done so already.

Earlier this month Ann Taylor, the Leader of the Commons, dashed the hopes of landmine pressure groups when she confirmed that no time could be found in the parliamentary schedule for the requisite legislation.

The Cabinet reacted yesterday to the clamour from

Labour MPs lobbying for a change of heart. They feared that failure to have legislation on the statute book by August 31 - the anniversary of the Princess's death - would be a public relations disaster. It was the Princess's visits to Angola and Bosnia that helped to turn the landmines campaign into a major international cause.

Downing Street denied that a retreat had been signalled because of backbench pressure. The Prime Minister's official spokesman said: "Ratification was always a priority."

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, pledged when the treaty was signed in December that Britain would be among the first to sign. Mr Cook emerged yesterday as the key figure in persuading the Prime Minister to find a solution.

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## Docklands bomber may be set free in two years

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

AN IRA terrorist who drove and planted the South Quay lorry bomb was jailed for 25 years yesterday. He could be free in two years under the Northern Ireland peace deal.

James McArdle, 30, from Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, was convicted at Woolwich Crown Court of conspiracy to cause the explosion in February 1996 that ended an 18-month ceasefire, killed two shopkeepers and left damage costing £150 million to repair.

He also faced charges of murdering the two victims of the bomb but the jury was discharged yesterday after the judge ruled that there was no material that could be presented to the jury. The judge said the charges were then abandoned.

McArdle, described during the trial as a crucial member of the IRA bomb gang, could now benefit from the Good Friday agreement and the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Bill going through Parliament. Once it is passed parliamentary prisoners held in Ulster will be eligible for release. IRA terrorists jailed in Britain last year have already been transferred to Northern

### ULSTER VOTE

Northern Ireland was heading for a 70 per cent-plus turnout as polling got under way yesterday in the election for a Northern Ireland assembly. Voting on the first day was down on the referendum for the Good Friday peace agreement but up on the general election of May last year, poll officials said. Page 2

Ireland. McArdle is likely to follow.

Sentencing the former farm labourer, Mr Justice Kay said the bomb not only killed Inam Bashir, 29, a newsagent, and John Jeffries, 31, his assistant, but also led to many injuries. Some victims' lives will be permanently marred.

He told McArdle: "There is a real irony that you fall to be sentenced on the very day when Northern Ireland goes to the polls to take a major step forward towards resolving its difficulties."

Dealing with *The Sun's* disclosures, John Bevan QC, for the prosecution, said the DPP and the police now felt the murder charges should remain on file. "What remains unresolved and cannot be resolved is whether or not (McArdle) was a murderer," Mr Bevan said.

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## Agassi beaten at Wimbledon

Andre Agassi, the 1992 Wimbledon champion and darling of the Centre Court, was knocked out of the championships in the second round by Tommy Haas, an unseeded German who is ranked No 44 in the world. Agassi, the No 13 seed, was unable to pick himself up after trailing by two sets to one overnight and went down 4-6, 6-1, 7-6, 6-4. Pages 52, 53

## Explosion kills two in Paris

A woman and a boy were killed yesterday in an explosion caused by a bomb in a block of flats in eastern Paris, French police said. Georges Sarre, mayor of Paris's 11th district, said the explosion was caused by a home-made device that was "not of domestic origin". The victims were from Yugoslavia.

## £2bn aid to Air France was illegal

THE European Court of Justice yesterday threw into doubt the fate of a £2 billion state subsidy to Air France when it ruled that the European Commission had approved the 1994 rescue package illegally.

The ruling was hailed by the Government and British and continental airlines as a landmark victory against the practice of propping up failing national airlines.

Air France, which has struggled back from near bankruptcy and just weathered a pilots' strike, could ultimately be forced to hand back the subsidy. The European Commission. Air France and the French Government insisted there was no immediate question of returning the money. The ruling could be reversed through appeal.

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# 'Audio-Lego' ministers go underground to stay on-message

LONDON will be familiar with an infuriating new experiment on the Tube. For the Circle and District lines, Tube bosses are testing a pre-recorded in-car public address system, telling passengers where they are.

The messages for each station have not been recorded separately but constructed from the building blocks of individual words or phrases. A smirking, "classless" female voice has been used, the poor woman having been required to say into a microphone "the" "next" "line" "lines." "Embankment" "Circle" "station" "stations" "change here for" "this is the" ... and many more.

Using computers, London Transport managers have assembled a suitable message for each station, built from the appropriate parts, assembled in the right order. The Tube driver presses the buttons.

The result is horrendous. Intonation is haywire, words not elided properly, and there are stupid pauses — the voice rising, falling and halting meaninglessly. The effect is Orwellian. Passengers grind their teeth as this dreadful, sinister, robotic, sing-song

whine invades their calm. A huge anger builds until one is hard-put not to vandalise London Underground property. I hope the lady who provided the voice was well paid, for she must now be susceptible to assault by anyone who ever hears it again.

"This is the — Circle — Line. — The — next — station — is — Embankment. — Change here for — the — Northern — and — Bakerloo — Lines." Whoever hatched this customer-relations disaster ought to be shot. Watching Treasury ministers at Questions yesterday, a

revealing oddity struck me. In two separate answers, far apart in time, ministers used exactly the same verbal formula: "the Comprehensive Spending Review which will be published shortly." Not a word altered, though so many other ways of saying something similar are available: "which will be/should be/is to be published/ concluded/ released soon/before

long/before the summer/in due course..." No word varied. Order unchanged. Too uniform for coincidence. And it dawned on me. Ministers' answers are being assembled by new Labour on the same audio-Lego principle as the London Underground's. Millbank Tower has collected approved "on-message" expressions, supplying these to ministers. The Minister presses the appropriate mental buttons, stringing together a word-perfect but gruesomely hollow answer. The advantage for the coordinators of Labour's "strategic message" is that nothing untoward can ever be said. There are no words to say it!

Master of this art in the Treasury team is the flesh-creeping smooth Alistair Darling, Chief Secretary. Listening to Darling yesterday we could identify on-message phrasal building blocks. These included "a prudent level" "fabric of society" and

"the stop-go policies of the last government". Also recurring were "the fact is," "£2 billion extra for the Health Service" "a bit rich from the Tories" "a sustainable base for the future," and, of course, "the Comprehensive Spending Review which will be published shortly".

Could Mr Darling himself, along with his utterances, be an assemblage of approved parts — a New Britain Action Man, or Alistair-doll — rather than a man? Slim, tallish, impeccably-suited with white shirt and sober but cheery tie, Darling (though young) has

beautiful, soft, white, nylon-like hair and a classless accent with just the faintest hint (very new Labour) of Educated Scot.

"As-we-move-into-the-next-millennium..." purred Darling — another approved phrasal block. More mannequin than man, one suspects that to avoid embarrassment to shoppers during window-dressing, the ordinary bits beneath Mr Darling's trousers may have been replaced by the smooth bulge which is also to grace the private parts of the giant humanoid in the Millennium Dome.



MATTHEW PARRIS  
POLITICAL SKETCH

# Doctors 'were right to detain autistic man'

HOSPITAL doctors were legally entitled to detain "informally" a 48-year-old autistic man who lacked the ability to consent or dissent to treatment, the House of Lords ruled yesterday.

In a judgment that could affect thousands of patients with conditions such as Alzheimer's and severe learning difficulties, admitted to hospitals or nursing homes on an informal basis, five law lords unanimously agreed that the decision to detain the man, known only as Mr L, was justified.

But in a comment seized upon by mental health campaigners and lawyers as showing a major flaw in the ruling, one of the judges, Lord Steyn, warned that the decision effectively left "a large class of vulnerable mentally incapacitated patients" without any statutory protection from medical misjudgments and professional lapses.

Such a situation created "an indefensible gap in our mental health law," he said. Lord Steyn added that the only comfort for those who disagreed with the ruling was

that representatives for Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, had assured the law lords that reform of the law was under active consideration.

In a ruling that astonished both the Law Society and mental health campaigners, the law lords overturned an Appeal Court decision made in December that Mr L, who is unable to speak and needs constant care, had been unlawfully detained for six months at Bournemouth Hospital, in Surrey, last year, after he had become agitated and distressed at a day centre.

Mr and Mrs E, a couple who had taken him in as 'one of the family', launched a legal battle to be allowed to take him home. They were successful when Lord Woolf, sitting with Lord Justice Phillips and Lord Justice Chadwick, unanimously agreed that the law had been misinterpreted. In their ruling last December, the appeal court judges said that the practice of informal admissions, as opposed formally to sectioning patients under the Mental Health Act, bypassed the safeguards for patients set out in the Act.

Yesterday's law lords ruling overturning that decision will come as a relief to NHS managers. The Mental Health Act Commission had told the law lords that up to 48,000 mental patients a year currently not compulsorily detained under the 1983 Mental Health Act would have had to be detained if the Appeal Court judgement had been upheld.

After the ruling, Mr E said he was astonished, adding that he felt let down by the justice system. The ruling meant that a single doctor could take a decision to detain a person without consulting

his or her carers or anybody else significant in his or her life.

David Congdon, director of public affairs for Mencap, said he was appalled and surprised by the ruling. "It means that there is no mechanism whereby people who cannot speak for themselves are represented. The fact that they cannot communicate should not be allowed to affect their freedom," he said.

Penny Letts, secretary to the Law Society's mental health and disability sub-committee, said that the case clearly demonstrated a huge gap in the law affecting the liberty and the rights of people who don't have the mental capacity to make decisions. She said there was an urgent need for the Lord Chancellor to reform the law relating to mental incapacity.

In a statement, Paul Boateng, the health minister, promised to look closely at the judgment to consider its policy implications. New NHS guidance on the practical consequences of the ruling would be issued within the next two weeks, he said.



John Hopkins outside his pub, The Vallendale, which was wrecked by a bomb triggered by republican dissidents

# Blast that shattered new start

YESTERDAY was to have been a good day for John Hopkins. In Newtownhamilton people were voting for a new government, as they were across Northern Ireland. His pub, The Vallendale, was right opposite the polling station in the village square. "I was looking forward to it. I was banking on it," he said with a rueful grin.

But Mr Hopkins served not a single customer. He spent a day that was supposed to represent a fresh start after 30 years of strife picking through the wreckage of his business. Outside a crater marked the spot where a huge car bomb exploded on Wednesday, and the twisted remains of the engine lay in the roadway. By some miracle one of the bar's beer taps was still working and he clutched a pint for solace.

Mr Hopkins was not the only victim. Shops and homes were wrecked right round the square and down the side streets. The roads and pavements were strewn with broken glass, shattered tiles and sheered metal. A cash dispensing machine hung from the wall of the Ulster Bank. The owner of Cumiskey's estate agents was flying home from Spain, having seen the remains of his premises on CNN.

The irony was that the bombers' immediate target — the police and army base — survived almost unscathed. Newtownhamilton is in the heart of a republican stronghold of south Armagh, and the base which has often been attacked is surrounded by great brick-and-steel walls.

The bombers were republican dissidents, and their other target was a peace process that they consider a betrayal of their long campaign for Irish unity. Here they enjoyed slightly more success. They not only wrecked the community hall that housed the polling station, forcing a last-minute switch to the high school, but fuelled the deep tensions, suspicions and cynicism that make reconciliation in Northern Ireland so difficult to achieve.

Many villagers said the bomb reinforced their determination to vote. "It's time they quit the bombing," said one old man after casting his ballot.

Others simply did not bother. They have been reared on conflict and saw no possibility of change. "Voting's no good. It's all baloney," said another man. After three decades on the frontline these people will take a lot of convincing that an assembly in Belfast can eradicate all the violence and the hatred.

By MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

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## Barristers

Continued from page 1 where over 95 per cent of criminal cases are tried?

Lord Irvine's remarks and the tone of his consultation paper left no doubt that he intends to finish the job started by his predecessor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern. He plans to take powers enabling him to abolish any lawyers' rule that is anti-competitive or restrictive, saying that "any restrictions which inhibit access to justice have no place in modern Britain".

His consultation paper says he wishes to secure the profession's co-operation. But if he cannot, he proposes a "back-stop" power enabling him — after consulting senior judges — to call in any of the profession's rules and fashion a substitute.

Lord Irvine is also proposing to abolish the complex machinery set up under the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 to regulate lawyers' rules and instead set up a panel which will not have membership drawn from legal interest groups.

Lord Irvine said that it was right that the "back stop" should be used with him as head of judiciary. "I see nothing wrong with myself, as the head of the judiciary, in consultation with the judges, determining — if there's been a failure to agree with the professions — what the outcome must be."

Heather Hallett, QC, Bar chairman, said barristers were not frightened of competition but would fight to maintain advocacy standards.

Nigel Savage, chief executive of the College of Law, said: "These proposals will remove the barrier to progress raised by the need to accommodate the posturings of both professional bodies, the Bar and the Law Society."

Phillip Sycamore, president of the Law Society, said the proposals would give consumers greater choice.

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## Cook rebuked by MPs over Sandline papers

BY NICHOLAS WATT, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN COOK was rebuked by an all-party Commons committee yesterday for refusing to allow MPs immediate access to telegrams over the arms-to-Africa affair.

The Foreign Affairs Select Committee formally reported Mr Cook to the Commons after he repeatedly turned down their request to see the telegrams between the High Commissioner to Sierra Leone and the Foreign Office.

In a stinging attack on the Foreign Secretary, the committee said that he was "wrong in principle" to "seek unilaterally to impose prior conditions on the release of information properly sought by a Select Committee".

Donald Anderson, the Labour chairman of the committee, said that he was prepared for a "high noon" confrontation with the Foreign Secretary to force his hand. Mr Cook immediately hit back, accusing the committee of unreasonable behaviour and of "going over the top".

The committee is determined to see the telegrams between Peter Penfold and the Foreign Office because it believes they will shed light on whether officials colluded with Sandline International, the British mercenaries, in the counter-coup which restored President Kabbah to power in Sierra Leone in March.

In a series of letters to the committee, Mr Cook insisted that he would only allow its members to see the papers after Sir Thomas Legg has finished his inquiry into the Sierra Leone affair in the next few weeks.

Mr Cook told the committee that after the publication of Sir

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Prescott faces court challenge

John Prescott is facing action in the High Court over government plans to build 4.4 million houses, many of them in the countryside, in the next two decades. At a judicial review hearing on Monday, West Sussex County Council will challenge the order by the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and the Regions that it must find room for an extra 12,700 houses.

### River death

Children saw the owner of an adventure training centre swept to his death in a flood-swollen river. Kevin Thomas, 36, lost his footing as he helped a group of boys across a river in the Brecon Beacons. He was married with a son aged six.

### Jail drugs plan

A clean needle scheme to prevent the spread of hepatitis and HIV is to be introduced in 11 jails in a three-month pilot. Disinfectant tablets will be available freely and anonymously to allow inmates to clean needles.

### Plan thrown out

Planners have rejected a proposal by Marco Pierre White's design company to change the interior and exterior of a Grade II listed building in Oxford. Councillors said that the proposed scheme was in bad taste.

### Will challenge

Enid Davis, who was left more than £430,000 by her lover, Kenneth Pearce, must give £85,000 to his son Edward, three Court of Appeal judges ruled. Edward Pearce had worked unpaid on his father's hill farm in Buxton.

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# Hollywood puts blame on strain of dual success

THE strains and temptations of two high-powered Hollywood careers were blamed yesterday for the break-up of Bruce Willis's tempestuous ten-year marriage to Demi Moore. Though long expected, the split followed fierce denials from the couple that their life together was doomed.

The pair confirmed late on Wednesday that their marriage was over, just weeks after successfully suing an American tabloid newspaper for claiming they were headed for "Hollywood's nastiest divorce in years".

Pat Kingsley, for *Mis Moore*, made the announcement without saying whether the couple would divorce or merely separate. No divorce papers had been filed in Los Angeles or Idaho, where the family owns a lavish ranch. Custody arrangements for the couple's three daughters as well as the future of their huge fortune, estimated at \$100 million (£60 million), were not known.

Willis, who earns \$20 million per film, said through his publicist: "It's a very sad day for me and I would just like to be on my own for a little while." He is unlikely to get his wish, since his latest release about an asteroid heading for Earth opens with a heavily promoted premiere at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on Monday.

The film's title featured prominently in breathless New York headlines yesterday about the couple's personal *Armageddon*. Their split follows a union few thought would last as long as it did: they married after a whirl-

**The marriage of Bruce Willis and Demi Moore has broken up after 10 years, reports Giles Whittell**

wind courtship, stayed together as they became the highest paid couple in Hollywood, and for the past two years steadfastly denied rumours they were drifting apart.

They were drifting nonetheless. One source told the *New York Post*: "They spent too much time away from each other, and they were leading different lives." Another said they had been living in separate homes for months and had delayed announcing their separation partly to save their children from taunts at school, partly because "they didn't want to deal with the numbers".

"Bruce is hunkering down; he doesn't want to part with a lot of money," this source told the *New York Daily News*.

The first serious sign of trouble in Tinseltown's most celebrated power marriage came in a lawsuit filed by a former nanny who worked for the family in Idaho and claimed the marriage was "on the rocks" by July last

year. Willis, who is German born, and Moore were swiftly embroiled in countersuits of their own against the nanny and the *Star* and Australia's *New Idea*. The newspapers apologised for claiming that the actress best known for her roles in *Ghost* and *Indecent Proposal* had been seen with Johnnie Depp, a younger leading man.

Another tabloid newspaper, the *National Enquirer*, printed photographs of Leonardo DiCaprio leaving the couple's Malibu bolthole, but neither Moore nor her husband bothered to sue. "I always know when there's a lull in the tabloid market because they come up with the 'Bruce Willis and Demi Moore are breaking up' story," Willis said in a 1996 interview. "It happened once or twice a year since we got married. It's just gotten to be funny."

The couple in 1987 met while still relatively unknown. Moore broke off an engagement to the actor Emilio Estevez to be with Willis, until then a notorious carouser. She married him three months later on a whim in their suite at the Golden Nugget hotel in Las Vegas, where they had watched a boxing match.

Moore caused controversy with her production of the Nathaniel Hawthorne classic *Scarlet Letter*, which she gave a happy ending, saying: "Not many people have read the book."

The whereabouts of the couple and their daughters, Rumer, Scout and Tallulah, were unknown yesterday.



Willis and Moore at the Cannes Film Festival last year. They confirmed their separation on Wednesday

## Boys died when wall collapsed on them as they played

By JOANNA BALE

TWO boys were crushed to death after a wall weighing one tonne collapsed on them as they played in a derelict building, an inquest was told yesterday.

Steven Coleman, 11, and Gavin Glover, 15, died soon after the wall fell on them as they sat on a makeshift hammock they had looped on top of it. The accident was witnessed by their friend, Lewis Newin, 16, who was just about to jump on the hammock when he saw the wall collapse.

Gavin pleaded for help, but by the time Lewis had returned with neighbours, he was dead. The inquest in Gillingham, Kent, was told that helpers tried to lift the wall from the two boys with bits of wood, but to no avail. Paramedics and fire crews were also called, but the boys were pronounced dead at the scene at Kemsley, near Sittingbourne, Kent in April.

The inquest was told that Lewis and Gavin had played truant to go to the disused orchard where the remains of an old wash house were. The area was commonly used by children from a nearby estate as a playground.

A statement from Lewis said: "I was just about to sit on it and the wall fell on them. I checked to see if they were all right but they were not speaking. Then Gavin started to speak to me for a little while before becoming unconscious. He was just telling me to go and get help. The wall was right on top of them."

Ian Webster, chief building surveyor of Swale council, said that metal plates in the wall had corroded and a timber lintel at the same height as the plates was rotten. The two had caused a weakness at that level in the wall.

Steven's father, Alan Coleman, said in a statement: "I told Steven that I didn't want him playing there. I was aware Gavin also played there together with a couple of other mates. I believe the area is used as a type of camp by children."

Roger Sykes, the North Kent Coroner, recorded verdicts of accidental death.

## Relationships that follow the Tinseltown script

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE most surprising aspect of Demi Moore's marriage to Bruce Willis is not that it is over, but that it lasted so long. Even in Hollywood, where money and glamour are the usual catalysts for courtship, a love-match seldom seemed so recklessly tokenised.

Moore, then 23, had launched her career as a "brai pack babe" in *St Elmo's Fire*, in which she played

a cocaine addict. She later kicked a drugs habit of her own. Willis had recently landed his first big action role in *Die Hard*, with a record \$5 million salary.

They married in Las Vegas in 1987 within three months of meeting. The couple were known for their extravagant lifestyle. Their wedding caused a stir and was reported to have cost US\$875,000. Little Richard sang at the ceremony.

Ally Sheedy, an actress and a

bridesmaid for the couple, later accused Moore of raw ambition. "The quickest route to power for an actress in Hollywood is to hook yourself up with someone who can put you in a good position, and make yourself a sex symbol."

Moore went on to star in *Ghost* in 1990 and *A Few Good Men* in 1992. She also achieved national attention by posing nude and very pregnant on the cover of *Vanity Fair* magazine.

Richard Gere, the actor, and

Cindy Crawford, the supermodel, famously bought advertisements in *The Times* to debunk tabloid rumours that their marriage was a sham. They separated months later.

Michael Jackson wed Elvis Presley's daughter in 1995, within a year of seeing his career all but crumble under the weight of a child molestation scandal. The unlikely couple protested their love for each other on an ABC television special, but separated the

following year to clear the way for an even more bizarre marriage between Jackson and an assistant to one of his many doctors.

Julia Roberts mystified Hollywood by marrying Lyle Lovett, the country singer, shortly after her rise to stardom in *Pretty Woman* in 1988. The couple denied reports that they had drifted apart, but split up later. The marriage nonetheless propelled Lovett to new professional heights.

Moore's attachment to Willis

may likewise have helped her career. She might have won the record-breaking \$12.5 million salary for *Indecent Proposal* without her husband, but she would not have been a founding partner in the Planet Hollywood chain that he set up with fellow actors Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

As she recs from recent flops as well as her separation, Moore will at least be grateful for her sideline in the restaurant business.

## Teenager wins fight for gay fostering

A HOMOSEXUAL teenager yesterday won the right to be placed with gay foster carers after a two-year battle.

A High Court judge was told that a London council's social services department had at last agreed to his request. Fifteen-year-old "H", who cannot be named for legal reasons, had launched a legal challenge against Wandsworth council accusing it of "unreasonably and irrationally" refusing to give due consideration to his wish to live with gay foster carers.

His application for judicial review was withdrawn after the council indicated it would now comply with his request. H, whose ambition is to become an "all-singing, all-dancing" performing artist, hugged his legal team outside court and said: "I am really happy - 2½ years of torment are finally over."

His solicitor, Paul Atkinson, said: "If this child had been a black child, a request for a black-based placement would have been accepted to almost immediately. Wandsworth adopted a political stance, rather than a child-centred stance."

## Sex attackers used decoy girl to trap victim

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A WOMAN who stopped her car to help an apparently distraught young girl was kidnapped at knifepoint and subjected to a terrifying sex attack.

The schoolgirl is believed to have been a decoy for two young men who leapt into the woman's car and forced her to drive more than 80 miles before attempting to rape her.

The men, both of whom had Mohican haircuts, beat their 33-year-old victim before running off.

Police last night appealed for the girl who flagged down the woman's car to come forward. They fear she may also have been a victim of the same attackers.

Detective Sergeant Ray Mitchell, of Avon and Somerset police, said: "The people who carried out this despicable crime have absolutely no regard for their victim. She is suffering very badly and is very traumatised."

The woman's ordeal began as she drove to work along the seafront in her home town of Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, on Tuesday. A girl aged about

12 with dishevelled clothing and only one shoe stepped into the road and waved down the woman's car. In tears, the girl began to say she had been assaulted when the men jumped in and ordered the woman to drive to Plymouth, 100 miles away.

She drove down the M5 as far as Exeter where she turned on to the A380. The men forced her to stop in a deserted layby and then took it in turns to assault her sexually.

They then ordered their victim to drive into Newton Abbot where they beat her up before running off. The woman limped to a nearby garage where she raised the alarm.

A joint operation by Avon and Somerset and Devon and Cornwall police was started to find the attackers and the young girl. DS Mitchell, of Bridgwater CID, said: "There was some conversation between the young girl and the aggressor. The victim got the impression she had been involved in some kind of altercation. We have no idea who this girl is."

## Radio DJ sacked for nodding off on air

By PAUL WILKINSON

A RADIO DJ was sacked yesterday for falling asleep during his own breakfast show.

Phil Holmes dropped off just after 7am for almost half an hour during his show on Sun FM. He began to doze during the news headlines and when the station cut back to the studio for Mr Holmes's mix of Top 20 hits and golden oldies all his 77,000 listeners could hear was silence.

Eventually an emergency stand-by system started playing music on the Sunderland commercial station. Mr Holmes, 26, napped on until he was roused by his furious boss. When his show ended at 10am he was dismissed.

Mr Holmes said: "One minute I was sitting there reading my advert list, the next I had my boss in the studio shouting at me to wake up."

Jon Hewson, Sun FM's managing director, said: "I wish the guy the best of luck. I hope he can get himself an alarm clock and continue his career. Unfortunately it can't be with us."

## Officer 'was dead for 15 years'

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A CHIEF petty officer in the Royal Navy discovered he had been listed as dead for 15 years because of a mix-up over a sailor with the same name who was killed in the Falklands War.

Chief Petty Officer Bob Mullen came across the confusion when he went to a military hospital for treatment for a knee injury last year.

He received the original injury during his own service in the Falklands War when he was on board the Type 42 destroyer, *HMS Sheffield*, the first Royal Navy warship to be hit in the 1982 conflict by an Exocet missile.

The sailor with the same surname, Acting Leading Seaman Michael Mullen, 24, was one of 22 sailors who died on the frigate *HMS Ardent* when it was hit during an Argentine air raid. His name

is on the Falklands memorial in Portsmouth.

Chief Petty Officer Mullen, 39, was told his medical records had been mixed up when he went for treatment at the Royal Hospital Haslar at Gosport in Hampshire. Friends of Chief Petty Officer Mullen claimed yesterday that he had been passed over for promotion since the Falklands War ended, despite high marks in all his promotional board exams, and blamed the confusion over his alleged death.

They claimed that his promotion papers were sent back when he was listed as dead, and that he was finally promoted in January this year only after the error in his medical records had been discovered.

An MoD official confirmed there had

been confusion over Chief Petty Officer Mullen's records. The official said: "He went to see the doctor and that's when the mix-up was discovered. But his promotion chances have not been affected by this."

Chief Petty Officer Mullen, a radar instructor who is now based at the training establishment, HMS Dryad, at Fareham in Hampshire, has asked to extend his period of service in the Navy for another 10 years.

Later a Royal Navy spokesman issued a statement by Chief Petty Officer Mullen, in which he said: "I am more than content that the Navy has done everything to rectify the error and am happy that my promotion prospects were not hampered in any way as a result of this mistake."

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# Lens prepares for invasion of England fans

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN LENS

THE smallest town ever to host World Cup finals games is bracing itself for possibly the largest contingent of English football fans ever to travel abroad. But for Lens, which will see its 35,000-strong population doubled by kick-off time this evening, this is just another day in a history shaped by invasion.

Outside the Stade Félix-Bollaert yesterday, a Frenchman praised the bonhomie among the vanguard of English fans in the town and said he hoped it would not "end up like Agincourt".

That bloody battle was fought a short drive from here and ever since the area has been one of Europe's favourite scrapping grounds, including last week's scenes involving German neo-Nazis.

In the middle of the 19th century coal was discovered and the town became an even more desirable conquest. The whole region is littered with the sites of battles from the First World War, including Loos-en-Gohelle to the north where the Battle of Loos left more than 20,000 "missing", and the great but gory German defeat at Arras. Lens itself was invaded by Germany in 1914 and occupied throughout the conflict. The



Daniel Nivel, the French policeman who was hit over the head with an iron bar in Lens on Sunday, was still in a coma last night in Lille Hospital. After two arrests, police are hunting a third German, known as Andre Z, aged 27.

front was just a mile away and by the end of the war the town had been flattened and the population halved. In the Second World War the town was also damaged and Allied soldiers hurried through on their way to Dunkirk.

Accordingly, almost every building in the town was constructed after the conflicts, and says the long-time mayor André Delelis, owes its resurrection to the spirit of the

people. "Over the centuries Lens has always had people fighting over her and has seen total devastation, notably during the First World War."

"If one was to evoke Lens in two words, courage and determination would be unanimous choices," he said.

The mountainous spoil heaps and towering stadium dwarf the town in equal measure and the mining and football are intertwined in the area's recent history. For decades, until recession hit in the 1960s, the local coal company owned the football club, Racing Club de Lens. M Delelis is regarded as the saviour of the club after the council bought the ground for a token one franc and upgraded the stadium. This year reward came with the arrival of the World Cup, preceded by Racing Club winning its first ever league championship.

The red and gold colours of the club are in almost every shop, café and restaurant and it is the passion for football that was the key to such a small town being chosen as a World Cup host. It is rare that French football grounds are full for club matches but this is often the case at the Félix-Bollaert. The capacity is exactly the same as the population of the town.

The football obsession also means it is harder for those



Tony Blair and Gordon Brown settled down with a beer on Tuesday at No 10 to watch Scotland's exit from the World Cup at the hands of Morocco

England fans without tickets to buy one on the black market. "I'm off to the match." "Of course I am, I wouldn't sell my ticket."

The Lenoise may not be too nonplussed by other nations running amok in their streets but they would be astonished to find a neighbour flogging off his ticket and watching tonight's game on television.

German border police stopped 14 fans, including nine hooligans on the police computer list, from crossing

into France yesterday to watch Germany against Iran. The German fans, who were carrying an array of weapons including knives, hammers and clubs, were aiming to watch the game in Montpellier.

Five, including one with a forged press card, were trying to board a train for Liege, Belgium, at Cologne station. Seven were caught at the Neuenburg border crossing near Weil am Rhein and two were stopped at a motorway crossing in Saarbruecken.

# Cricket wins fight for satellite TV riches

BY RAYMOND SNOODY, MEDIA EDITOR

THE Government promised yesterday to try to win international agreement to have important qualifying ties in the World Cup and the European football championship reserved for terrestrial television.

There was anger earlier this year when the game against Italy that determined whether England went to France 98 was shown live only on satellite television.

Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary, said yesterday: "We want to try to avoid the situation of the Italy game when only delayed coverage was available to terrestrial television."

The Culture Secretary was announcing the results of a review of "listed events"—the national and international sports events currently reserved for live coverage on terrestrial television.

Mr Smith said he intended to seek Europe-wide arrangements to protect free-to-air rights to live broadcasts.

Football and rugby fans fared better yesterday than devotees of cricket. In the face of intense lobbying from the cricket authorities, the Government decided to drop England Test matches from the main protected list but added the finals of the European football championship and the final of the Rugby League Challenge Cup and the Rugby World Cup.

Mr Smith said that in giving the cricket authorities the

right to "a fair price for its flagship events", he expected the freedom to be used responsibly.

All viewers should have continued access to a substantial proportion of live Test coverage and any new income should be devoted by cricket authorities to improvements in facilities for the game.

Mr Smith said he would be disappointed if at least half of Test match coverage did not appear on terrestrial television. The current £60 million, four-year deal between the England and Wales Cricket Board and the BBC runs out at the end of this season.

Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the cricket board, said that the aim was to get the best deal for the development of cricket and the widest access for viewers.

"Clearly terrestrial television remains key to us achieving

that aim." The Government has retained the other existing listed events—the Olympic Games, the World Cup finals, the FA Cup final, the Scottish Cup final (in Scotland), the Grand National, the Derby and the Wimbledon tennis finals.

The Government has also followed the recommendations of the advisory committee chaired by Lord Gordon in creating a "B" list of sporting events—including Test cricket, non-finals play at Wimbledon, the Commonwealth Games and the Ryder Cup—for secondary broadcasting rights. Usually this will mean live radio coverage and provision for extended highlights or delayed "as live" coverage. The B list will be regulated by the Independent Television Commission.

BSkyB criticised the creation of the B list. The satellite broadcaster, an associate company of News International, owner of The Times, said the sale of secondary broadcasting rights was already working well on a voluntary basis without "an unnecessary piece of regulation for a problem that does not exist".

Sir John Birt, Director-General of the BBC, welcomed the fact that extra events had been added to the main list and the continuing protection for the World Cup finals.

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# Police hunt youths who forced student off road

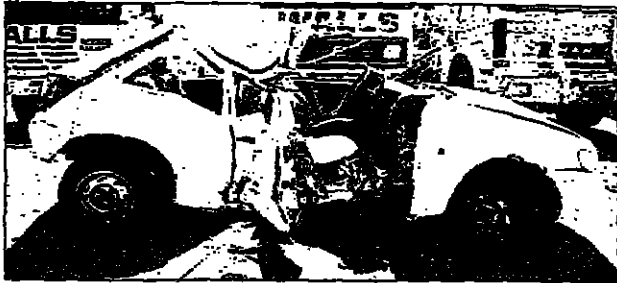
By MICHAEL HORSNELL

POLICE were yesterday hunting two young men who forced a student to crash by driving within inches of her rear bumper, at speeds of up to 90mph, as she drove home alone.

Tamra Jones, 22, a business studies student, was driving her Ford Fiesta when she was forced off the A4042, a dual-carriageway near Pontypool, South Wales, and crashed into a road sign. Doctors said her seatbelt saved her life.

Speaking from hospital, Miss Jones, who suffered three broken ribs and a collapsed lung, said: "I was petrified, absolutely petrified. As I was overtaking some slower cars they came up behind me, trying to force me to pull over, but there were other cars blocking the way."

"They came right up close behind me, tailgating me just inches from my rear bumper. I moved over but they carried on harassing me for about five minutes, coming up behind me and trying to make me go faster all the time. They also



Miss Jones's car after it crashed into a road sign

drove up beside me and were laughing and gesturing through the window at me."

She said she tried to move over to let them pass but they continued to harass her. The student, at Caerleon College, Gwent, considered using her mobile phone to call for help but feared she would crash.

Witnesses, who estimated the speed of the pursuing white Ford Escort XR3i at up to 90mph, told police how, just before the crash, the pair were tailgating Miss Jones's car, which she had been driving at the permitted 60mph before the incident.

The XR3i was said to have

been driven to within inches of her rear bumper as she drove to her home in Trinant. It eventually swerved into the side of her car, forcing her off the road.

Miss Jones added: "I can't remember anything about the crash, just that I came round in hospital feeling sore all over. They knew what they had done but they still didn't stop."

"I can't believe those men didn't stop to help me after they saw what they did. I just hope they are caught so they can't do the same thing to some other driver."

Doctors at the Royal Gwent

Hospital, Newport, where she is expected to require treatment for two months, said her seatbelt saved her life.

Full details of the incident, which happened last Friday evening, emerged only yesterday after Miss Jones had recovered sufficiently to describe her ordeal.

Chief Inspector Terry Hapgood, head of Gwent police traffic department, said: "It is vital we trace these two men, who cannot be unaware that their very dangerous driving led to this crash. It cannot be described as an accident. Tamra, who by all accounts was driving perfectly properly, is very fortunate to have escaped with her life."

Halina Jones, her mother, said: "Tamra was an attractive girl on her own and it may be these two men saw it as a bit of fun. I am very angry about it and there is absolutely no excuse for driving like that. Tamra only passed her driving test in August last year and she is a good, sensible and careful driver."

"She is absolutely devastated by what has happened."



Tamra Jones recovering in hospital from broken ribs and a collapsed lung. Doctors said a seatbelt saved her life

# Doctors have big plans for future hospitals

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONWIDE network of elite, large hospitals, each serving about 500,000 people, is needed to provide quality healthcare for the future, doctors' leaders have told the Government.

In a report which foreshadows the end of all-purpose local hospitals, they say that it will only be possible to provide a full range of specialties with the most up-to-date equipment in large centres.

Small casualty units would close and district hospitals would be downgraded to provide only day care surgery and beds for rehabilitation. At least another 790 consultant physicians and 600 surgeons would be required, however.

The report was jointly produced by the British Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Surgeons. It does not call for a massive rebuilding programme, but wants to see existing hospitals in key population centres expanded and modernised so that they can provide all services to the highest standards.

It recognises that isolated rural areas may not be close to an elite hospital, and says that in such places it will be necessary to merge services in the smaller hospitals so that specialty care is available at one or other of them.

This strategy would be the only way to provide the quality care the Government is calling

for and the public deserves, the report says. However because junior doctors now work fewer hours and have to be supervised while doing routine work, the number of consultants has to rise.

"The present distribution of hospitals clearly falls short of the ideal," Sir Rodney Sweemam, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, said. "Patients must realise that just going through the door of a building labelled 'hospital' doesn't guarantee a quality of service. If the resources are not there to run it properly, it must close."

Professor George Alberti, president of the Royal College of Physicians, said 95 per cent of cases would still be handled by the district hospitals but critically ill patients would prefer to spend half an hour longer in an ambulance getting to a centre where they could have the best possible care rather than going somewhere where the best specialists and resources were not available.

"We will need a lot more in the way of outpatient services in each locality. There have already been some closures but ... what is needed is rationalisation of the resources we have."

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# League tables 'not fair judge of medical care'

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEAGUE tables showing hospital death rates are not reliable indicators of performance, according to a study of more than 2,600 babies admitted to intensive care units.

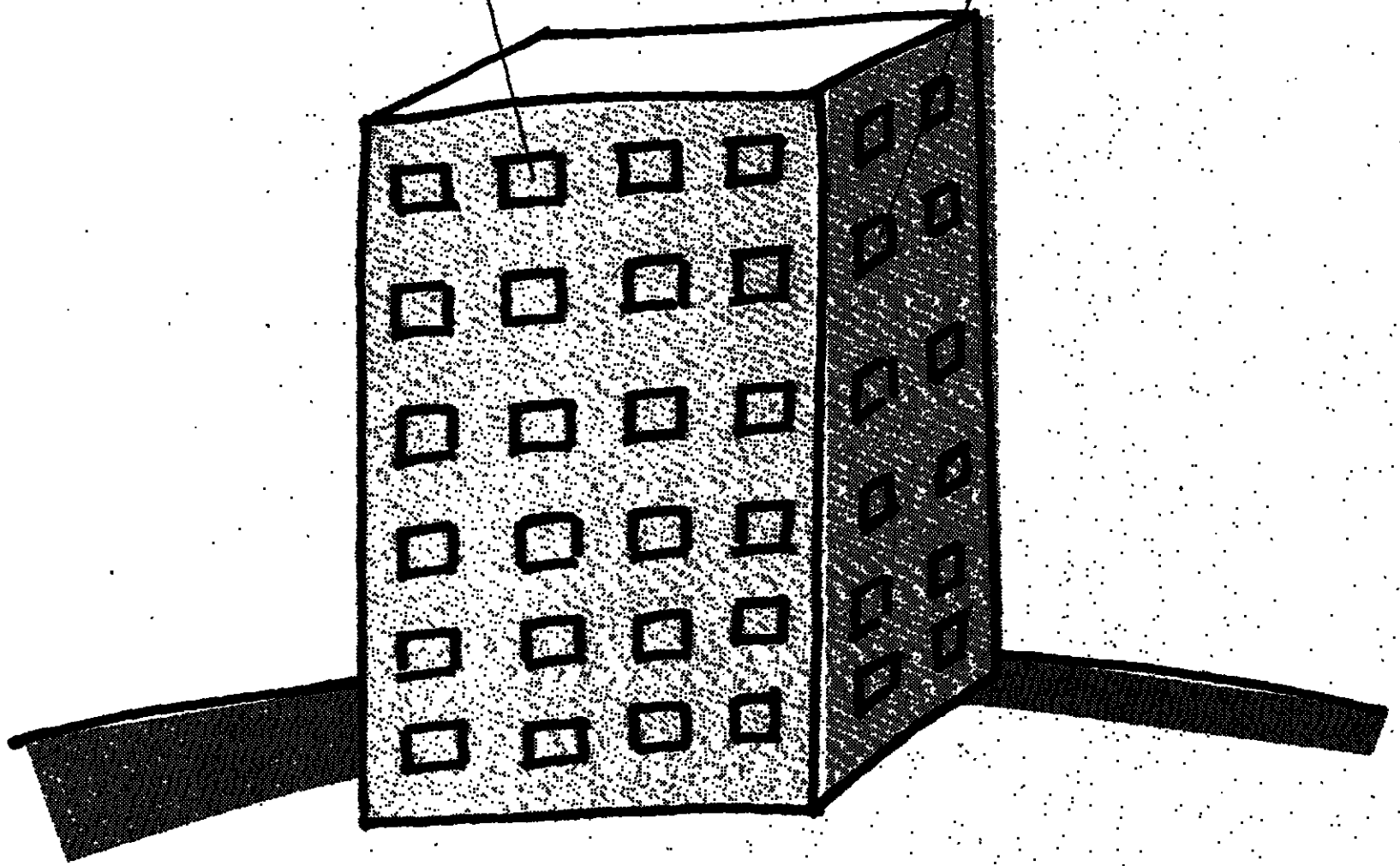
The researchers, led by Gareth Parry, Fellow in health services research at the University of Sheffield, studied the mortality rates of nine neonatal intensive care units between 1988 and 1994. They

report in the *British Medical Journal* today that there were three fundamental problems in compiling league tables from the figures.

The first was the need to make adjustments for the mix of cases, since some babies were much sicker than others. Some hospitals treated relatively small numbers so that one death could distort the figures. The third difficulty came from accounting for the lack of consistency in performance over time.

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# Lawrence five 'will not have platform'

Inquiry chairman makes ruling as lawyers argue about the scope of questioning men will face on Monday, writes Lin Jenkins

THE five men set to be questioned over the killing of Stephen Lawrence will not be allowed to use their appearance at the inquiry as a platform to maintain their innocence. It is the first time the five youths will face detailed public questioning after the collapse of the murder trial into the teenager's death. The ruling was made today by Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, the former High Court judge chairing the inquiry into the racist murder.

Lawyers representing the five men appeared at the inquiry today to discuss the scope of the questions that could be put to the five, insisting that only questions that deal with the police handling of the murder of the black A-level student at a bus stop in Eltham, South London, in April, 1993, were relevant.

The High Court has already ruled that the five cannot be asked if they are guilty of killing Stephen, and that their appearance on Monday must not be allowed to become a trial. Yesterday Sir William declined a request from Charles Conway, counsel for Neil and Jamie Acourt and David Norris, that he could rule

individually on questions that Edmund Lawson, QC, counsel to the inquiry, and Michael Mansfield, QC, counsel for the Lawrences, proposed to put. Sir William said he would make the judgment on the suitability of questions "dispassionately", but asked the lawyers to try to resolve their differences before Monday.

The Acourt brothers and Mr Norris, together with Luke Knight and Gary Dobson, were all charged with the murder. Three were acquitted on the direction of an Old Bailey judge, and the case against the other two never came to trial. All declined to answer questions at a subsequent inquest, which found that Stephen was killed in a racist attack by five white youths.

Mr Conway argued that many proposed questions were unfair and irrelevant. He objected to them being asked about another stabbing and about an item of clothing hidden in a plastic bag taken from a house in the days after the murder. Nor did he think it relevant that they were asked their views on racism. That topic he said, had been covered by the showing of a covert surveillance tape

of them at home. Any questions would be "an attempt to rub their noses in that tape and one knows from looking at that tape the sort of people we are dealing with." He said the issues were not whether they were racist, but why the police failed in their investigation.

Mr Mansfield argued that the five, if not to be questioned as to guilt, should not be allowed to proclaim their innocence without being subject to a challenge.

Ian MacDonald, QC, for Duwayne Brooks, the friend who was with Stephen when he was fatally stabbed, said he wished to ask questions of "those suspected of ruining his life." Sir William granted the request. He said that he had yet to decide if the suspects could be asked about their decision to remain silent at the inquest.

Scotland Yard has appointed one of its most senior detectives to revamp the investigation of racist crime after heavy criticism at the Stephen Lawrence inquiry. Commander John Grievie, head of the anti-terrorist branch, will become director of racial and violent crime.



Dame Kiri Te Kanawa shows off her prowess in a celebrity golf competition in aid of charity held at Wentworth yesterday

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# Billie-Jo 'could have lived for 20 minutes'

By JOANNA BALE

BILLIE-JO JENKINS could have lived for up to 20 minutes after being repeatedly hit with a heavy metal tent peg, a court was told yesterday.

Ernest Sinar, a consultant neurosurgeon at Middlesbrough General Hospital, said that, based on the amount of blood he had been told was found at the scene, she could have been breathing for 15 to 20 minutes. The defence witness said: "I do not think the deceased would have died instantly and I think it would have taken some time."

Earlier, Lewes Crown Court heard that tiny spots of blood found on clothes worn by Billie-Jo's fomer father, Sion Jenkins, could have been from her breath. Duncan McKirdy, a forensic expert for the defence, said that the blood spots would look "very similar" to any "impact spatter" created as she was being hit.

Mr Jenkins, 40, denies murdering Billie-Jo, 13, at the family home in Hastings, East Sussex, on February 15 last year. The prosecution alleges that 158 spots found on his jacket and trousers were created as he struck her with an 18-inch metal tent spike.

Mr McKirdy agreed with Richard Camden Pratt, QC, for the prosecution, that impact spatter was "one explanation" for the blood spots. "I have considered whether they could have got there as a result of her exhaling droplets of blood from the nose or whether this is a combination of both blood splattering and exhaling. I cannot say."

Mr McKirdy agreed that it was "unlikely" that the spots could have been caused by a bubble of blood bursting from Billie-Jo's nostrils. On Wednesday, Mr Jenkins told the court that when he found Billie-Jo, there was a small bubble in her nose which later disappeared.

The trial continues.

**CORRECTION**

Lord Archer of Sandwell will advise the Government on a procedure for considering claims in respect of property confiscated under Trading with the Enemy legislation (1939-45) but will not be responsible for assessing individual claims (report, June 23).

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# New book gives 'last words' of dying Princess

Doctors tell French authors of their efforts to keep injured Diana's heart beating, reports Susan Bell

A NEW book that describes in detail the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, claims that she was conscious immediately after the accident and that her last words were "My God, my God".

The book, *Investigation into the Death of Diana*, by two French journalists, will fuel the debate about whether more could have been done to save the Princess's life. It portrays emergency workers as being largely unaware of the extent of her internal injuries.

The book, by Jean-Marie Pontaut and Jérôme Dupuis of the magazine *L'Express*, includes on-the-record accounts from the doctors who treated the Princess.

The book says one of the first people at the scene, identified only as Belkacem B, was walking near the Parisian tunnel when the fatal car crash occurred at 12.25am on August 31. He says: "A blonde woman with a scar on her forehead and the bracelet of her watch undone was curled up between the front right seat and the back seat. She groaned and said a few words in English: it seems to me they were 'My God, my God'."

Sébastien Dorzee, a policeman who arrived soon after the crash, describes how he had to push through photographers surrounding the car in order to open the door of the Mercedes and reach the Princess. "There was a group of ten to 15 photographers who were taking photographs. I tried to push the photographers, who were bitterly hostile, out of the way."

"At no time did a photographer come to lend a hand. They carried on snapping away all the time."

M Dorzee said that the Princess's head was between the front seats so that she could see Dodi Fayed, who was dead. "She moved, her eyes were open and she spoke to me in a foreign language. I think that she said 'My God'



She groaned and said a few words: it seems to me they were "My God, my God"

on seeing her deceased friend. At the same time she caressed her stomach. She must have been in pain." M Dorzee then describes how the Princess moved her head, saw the chauffeur, Henri Paul, who was also dead, and became agitated.

"A few seconds later she looked at me. Then she put down her head and closed her eyes."

The book, excerpts of which were published in *L'Express* yesterday, discloses for the first time that the Princess's heart stopped shortly after the crash. Jean-Marc Marino, the emergency medical specialist who treated her at the scene, is quoted as saying that her heart stopped immediately after rescue workers extracted her from the wrecked Mercedes. Dr Marino performed heart massage after

inserting a tube into her windpipe to feed oxygen into her lungs and restarted the heart. However, it was not until more than half an hour later, after Diana's arrival at La Pitié Salpêtrière Hospital, that X-rays allowed doctors to diagnose her most serious injury — a tear in the left pulmonary vein which carries oxygenated blood from the lungs to the heart.

By this time, so much blood had flowed into her chest cavity that it had collapsed her heart and right lung, according to Daniel Eyraud, a heart surgeon at the hospital. Diana's heart, which had been beating feebly upon arrival at the hospital, stopped again between 2.10am and 2.15am and could not be restarted despite defibrillation and surgery to open up the chest cavity, repair the tear and massage the heart.

The book says that emergency workers who gave her transfusions at the crash scene treated a symptom — rapidly falling blood pressure — rather than the eventual cause of her death, the tear in the pulmonary vein. Their account shows that by administering the transfusions without first repairing the torn vein, they filled Diana's chest cavity with fluid which may ultimately have done her more harm than good.

The authors ask whether a different course of treatment might have saved her life. "That can only be answered by a doctor," M Pontaut said in a television interview yesterday.

Earl Spencer is appalled at suggestions that his sister was conscious after the accident. Yesterday he described such claims as cruel and unhelpful.

The earl said that French doctors had confirmed that his sister's injuries were so severe she would have been unconscious and could not have said anything.

The book, published by Stock, goes on sale in France today, price 98 francs.



Work continues at Althorp in preparation for next week's opening and Saturday's Sir Cliff Richard concert on a stage erected near the house

## Spencer allows a sneak preview

Invited guests had to leave cameras behind for Althorp tour, reports Daniel McGrory

EARL SPENCER opened the gates of Althorp yesterday to 1,700 specially invited guests. But they were ordered to leave their cameras at home and the invitations instructed them not to reveal what they saw in the museum dedicated to Diana, Princess of Wales.

The press were not invited and guards patrolled the estate scrutinising invitations and searching handbags for hidden cameras lest next week's official opening to the paying public be spoiled.

In the sunshine Earl Spencer mingled with estate staff, villagers, construction workers and their families proudly showing off the £4 million of renovation work to his Northamptonshire family home. He accompanied guests around the museum, which is a converted coach house, showing off family keepsakes of the Princess, including her wedding dress.

The earl spent most of his time yesterday with families from the six villages bordering the estate who are worried about disruption by tourists. Guests had to leave their vehicles in a field opposite the rear entrance to Althorp. From there they had to walk the short distance across a wooden walkway to the imposing cast-iron gates guarded by security staff. Once inside most headed for the lake to gaze over at the Princess's final resting place, which is now marked by a large urn carved in Portland stone.

Inside the museum most interest focused on film of the Princess as a child and her wedding dress, which some members of the Royal Family did not want included in the display. As they left, many of those invited

The sneak preview was the earl's way of thanking those who had helped to prepare the estate for its public opening next Wednesday after a concert on Saturday by Sir Cliff Richard and the Lighthouse Family. The tour was also to help to assuage concerns of local villagers.

The earl was again at pains to deny that he was exploiting his sister's memory or that he had only agreed to a BBC television interview to promote what some have called a "Diana theme park".

Since the earl's appearance on television on Wednesday, his staff said the estate had been flooded with requests for the last 7,000 tickets from the 152,000 put on sale.

John Shallerross, 37, a solicitor, said: "All the cine film footage of Diana as a child was very moving. One of the rooms was heavily scented with roses." His wife, Helen, thought the most moving exhibit was the Princess's wedding dress. Steve Williams, 51, from Great Brington, said: "The one thing that stood out for me was the lake. Looking out on to the island brought it all home to me. It was very moving."

Staff had worked until late the previous night to finish the exhibits in the museum. The Prince of Wales and his two sons will be given a tour of the finished museum when they make a private visit shortly to the Princess's grave.

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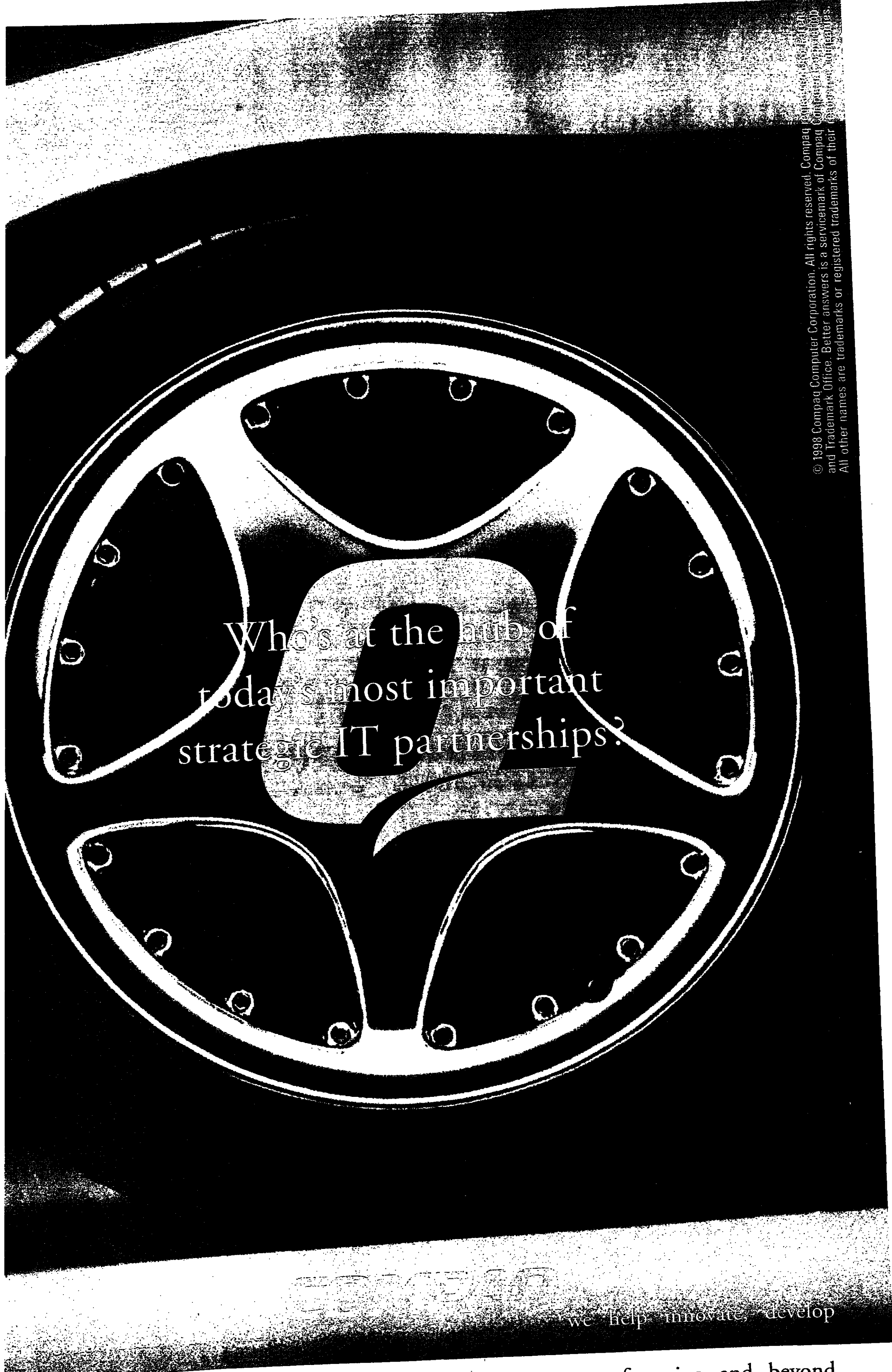
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# How the South Quay bomber was caught

JAMES McARDLE was one of the new breed of faceless terrorists created by the IRA in the bandit country of South Armagh. He had no criminal record and nothing to link him to the bombing of South Quay, in London's Docklands.

Yet police believe he had worked for active service units on the border. He was finally caught in SAS raids on a suspected sniper team operating a long range "supergun" used to kill soldiers at ranges of over a mile.

Police know the identities of up to another nine terrorists involved in the bomb attack in February 1996, but lack evidence for arrests. The gang are veterans of the battles in South Armagh.

Special Branch and MIS believe that the IRA army council had taken the decision in principle to end the ceasefire that had been begun in September 1994, and left the details of the attack to a selected handful of council members. These men chose the South Armagh group because they were personally loyal to them. They also knew that they were experienced in lorry bomb attacks and that the gang would be difficult to penetrate. Indeed, the security forces had no idea what was being planned.

Like many of the new breed of terrorists, McARDLE had no

**A man with no criminal record was picked to end IRA truce, reports Stewart Tendler**

On February 7, McARDLE set off from Dundalk, in the Republic, for a second run. Inside the lorry was more than a ton of high explosive and a small amount of Semtex. McARDLE drove north to Belfast and on to the ferry.

This time he was carrying a home-made trailer on the lorry. Had port staff put the lorry on the weighbridge they would have noticed that it was much too heavy — but the bridge was not being used because of the ceasefire.

Once on the mainland, McARDLE drove much of the way on his own. A tachograph machine was fitted in the cab; the IRA thought it was a good cover. He stopped for the night in Carlisle and then headed down the M6 and on to the M25 after another stop at South Mimms. On February 9 he was within striking distance of London.

When McARDLE pulled into an industrial estate in Barking, east London, ten miles from South Quay, there was at least one other man with him. They had a meal at a cafe nearby.

The Irish numberplates were exchanged for mainland plates; some rubbish and the trailer were dumped; and the lorry was on its final run. McARDLE and a second man were now driving a bomb ready to be primed.

MIS and the police knew the



James McArdle was yesterday sentenced to 25 years for his part in the Docklands bomb

truce might break down but believed nothing was imminent. When IRA coded warnings were passed to the Yard, detectives bleeped Commander John Grieve, head of the anti-terrorist branch. At first he thought the message on his pager to call Sir Paul Condon, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, must be a practical joke.

In Dublin, the Garda could not verify the calls, but there

were murmurs through diplomatic channels that they had to be taken seriously.

At South Quay the timer was ticking away a few yards from where a newsagent, Inam Bashir, and his helper John Jeffries, were working in their shop. Having been told to evacuate the area, they were about to leave when the bomb exploded at 6.59pm. Their bodies were blasted through two walls.

McARDLE headed back to Northern Ireland, believing he was safe. The lorry was reduced to little more than a pile of rubbish.

Yet within a few days police issued drawings of the lorry based on a description by the policeman who found the lorry after the warnings. Police received 850 calls from the public. The 199th came from a man who had seen the lorry in Barking and said the trailer was still there.

In the area of the trailer, detectives found a treasure trove of clues including parking tickets for the Carlisle truck stop and South Mimms, tachograph records and a driver's magazine.

A thumbprint on the magazine matched another one on an ashtray at the truckstop in Carlisle; and another print was found a ferry ticket for Belfast during the dummy run. Detectives nicknamed the suspect "Triple Thumbprint Man."

Neither the Yard nor the RUC could match him to their records. The Yard tried tracking down the lorry and focused on South Armagh. In June 1996 Yard officers from the anti-terrorist branch were flown into South Armagh for dawn raids. There was no sign of Triple Thumbprint Man.

Then last year SAS units raided a suspected IRA sniping unit. The RUC compared copies of prints held by the Yard with those of one of the men they were holding. It was McARDLE. They had found Triple Thumbprint Man.

# Police have long list of unsolved attacks on file

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

JAMES McARDLE was the last IRA suspect awaiting trial in mainland Britain but Scotland Yard still has a long list of unsolved cases.

Since 1972 there have been 680 IRA incidents on the mainland, including bombings, shootings and mortar attacks. Police investigations have led to 170 convictions, and 11 other convictions have been overturned on appeal.

The list of major terrorist attacks for which no one has been convicted includes: June 15, 1996: lorry bomb explosion near Arndale shopping centre in Manchester, injuring 200 and causing £200 million damage.

April 24, 1993: lorry bomb at Bishopsgate in the City of London. One killed, damage estimated up to £1 billion.

March 20, 1993: two bombs explode in litter bins in Warrington town centre. Jonathan Ball, 4, killed outright. He was the youngest victim of the IRA on mainland.

Tim Parry, 12, died five days later. April 10, 1992: Baltic Exchange lorry bomb in the heart of the City of London. Three killed and damage put at up to £500 million.

February 7, 1991: three mortar bombs fired at 10 Downing Street during Cabinet meeting.

July 30, 1990: Ian Gow, senior Tory MP and confidant of Mrs Thatcher, killed by car bomb near Pevensey, East Sussex.

September 22, 1989: eleven

Marines killed by bomb at Royal Marine Music School at Deal, Kent.

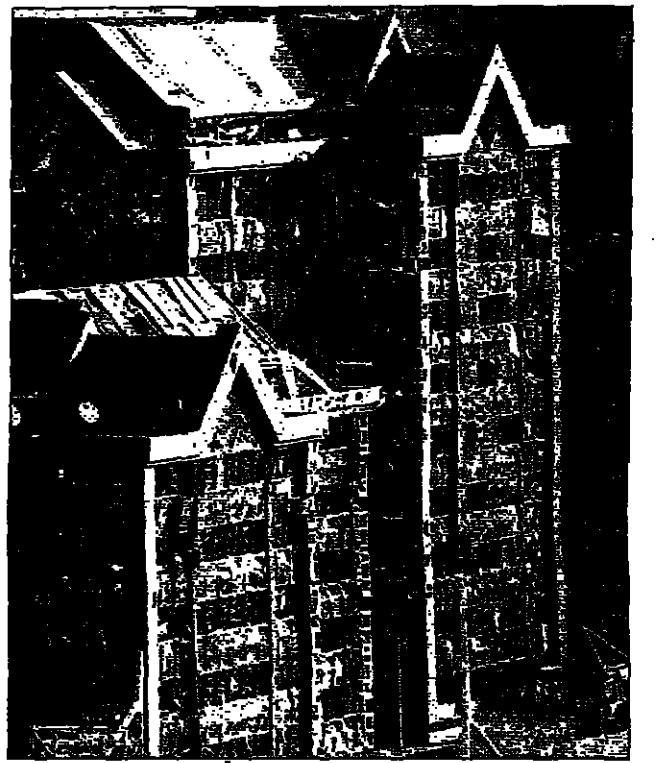
In several cases police believe they know the terrorists but cannot prove their involvement. Terrorist suspects have also been jailed for other offences, both in Northern Ireland and mainland Britain.

There are also cases where one member of an IRA gang has been caught but others escaped. Those cases include the Grand Hotel bomb in Brighton, which killed six during the Conservative Party Conference in October 1984. Patrick Magee was jailed. At least three others were never caught.

Gilbert McNamee was jailed for making one of the bombs in the attacks on soldiers in Hyde Park and Regent's Park in July 1982 in which 11 soldiers and seven horses were killed. The gang who laid the bombs escaped.

Yesterday the Yard said that if new evidence emerged, cases would still be thoroughly investigated. The Crown Prosecution Service added that each case would be examined on its merits and prosecutions were possible.

Whether cases will continue to be investigated remains to be seen. If the legislation on terrorist prisoners based on the Good Friday agreement in Northern Ireland goes through, anyone convicted could be released within two years.



Buildings damaged by the London Docklands bomb

# Payout for bomb attack soldier

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

A FORMER army warrant officer who lost his legs in an IRA bomb attack nine years ago is to ask the Ministry of Defence for help with his legal costs after winning compensation of £19,000.

Ex-Warrant Officer Andy Mudd, 42, had to turn to civilian lawyers to help him with his claim for £1.3 million after the Army had offered

him £115,000. The award of £19,000 was made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board. Mr Mudd, who left the Army with a disability pension, is now seeking his legal costs from the MoD.

He was nearly killed when an IRA bomb exploded as he switched on the ignition of his car outside his home in Colchester, in Essex, in November 1989. He lost his legs and two fingers and Maggie, his wife, was also injured.

The former senior non-commissioned officer from the Royal Military Police, who was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1990, said yesterday: "It has been a desperate fight. I knew I deserved a lot more than the £115,000 they offered at first, but I was one of a growing number of cases."

"If I had been injured in Northern Ireland, they would have sorted out the compensation within two years."

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# Police chiefs blamed for culture of sexism

SEXIST policemen are preying on vulnerable victims of crime and women colleagues while chief constables pay little more than lip service to fighting harassment, the Police Complaints Authority said yesterday.

Introducing its annual report for 1997-98, Peter Moorhouse, the authority's chairman, said that superintendents, inspectors and sergeants did nothing to end the sexist culture although they knew the culprits. Force policies looked good on paper but were rarely practised.

Chief constables needed to do more than issue "mission statements" about the aims of their forces, he added. Police culture had not changed quickly enough because the message had not got down to junior officers.

John Cartwright, the deputy chairman, said that it was not good enough to have a policy on equal opportunities if it was never applied, a grievance procedure that was never used or an equal opportunities adviser who was ignored.

The report comes days after

Well-meaning policies are rarely practised, says Police Complaints Authority. Stewart Tendler reports

five of the most senior police-women in the country, including a chief constable, complained in a police magazine about sexist attitudes.

Complaints about sexual harassment by police officers have increased in recent years and there were 73 cases last year. In 1996-97 there were 74 and in 1995-96 there were 46.

Mr Moorhouse said: "Some male officers still display an outdated and unacceptable attitude towards women and a few are prepared to betray their position of trust for sexual gratification."

Women officers had claimed improper behaviour by colleagues in stations, cars and on training courses and while carrying out surveillance work. A woman special constable on a course was harassed by two of the organisers. One suggested she

went to bed with him and that this would help her to become a full-time officer.

Mr Moorhouse said that harassment of members of the public was "an almost absolute abuse of authority". Complaints included off-duty officers forcing their attention on women they had met on duty, but Mr Moorhouse said the most disturbing claims came from women who were exploited by officers they had turned to for help.

Officers had formed sexual relationships with the victims of domestic violence. In other cases women who had been harassed and asked for police protection then got the same treatment from police.

In one case a complaint by a 14-year-old girl that she had been subjected to an improper search in a public place led to woman officers coming for-

ward with other allegations against the officer.

The report also voiced concern about the use of CS sprays by the police. In the first full year when almost all forces used the sprays the authority had 254 complaints. Mr Moorhouse said the spray provided much needed protection but there were cases where its use had not been justified or appropriate.

He said the authority was also concerned that minority groups might be reluctant to complain because they feared hostility or harassment by the officer or his colleagues.

Research by the authority had suggested that better training for police custody officers and police surgeons could have saved the lives of some of the 56 people who died in police custody last year.

The report shows that the authority supervised 979 serious cases last year, slightly down on 1996-97. The authority also examined 4,390 cases passed to it after investigation, and disciplinary action was taken in 1,130 cases, against 1,253 in the previous year.



Top dog: Caesar with PC Eves, left, and PC Eccles after meeting Tony Blair

## Pedigree police dog tickled pink

A MEMBER of the Norfolk police force received the ultimate reward yesterday — Tony Blair tickled his tummy.

Caesar, an alsatian, was the first canine nominee for a Police Federation bravery award to be introduced to the Prime Minister at No 10. His handler, PC Carl Eves, and colleague PC Steven Eccles had been nominated for tackling an armed man.

"He was aiming the gun at us," said PC Eves. "I aimed the dog at him and he let off a shot but Caesar continued to tackle him."

Another officer, PC John Kynaston, 41, from Humberstone, nominated for tackling a man armed with a gun, demonstrated further courage beyond the call of duty yesterday when he dropped to one knee and proposed to his girlfriend, Geraldine Webster, in front of the Prime Minister.

Although the couple refused to comment as they left Downing Street, a police spokesman said Mr Blair led the applause when Miss Webster accepted.

Fifty-three officers nominated for the annual awards met Mr Blair and the Home Secretary Jack Straw.

## Law Lords throw out secretary's RSI claim

THE Law Lords yesterday rejected claims that a secretary who was sacked after she developed a form of repetitive strain injury should be able to sue her employers.

They overruled a Court of Appeal decision that Ann Pickford should be allowed to make a claim against the chemical conglomerate, ICI, because she had established that the cause of her injury was organic rather than "all in the mind".

The appeal judges had found that ICI was negligent in failing to warn her of the need to take breaks during her work using a word processor and gave Miss Pickford, 49, the right to take her case back to the High Court for an assessment of damages, which she estimated at £175,000.

The Law Lords, however, decided by 4-1 that ICI did not need to warn her about the dangers of repetitive strain injury because typing took up only a maximum 75 per cent of her workload. They also questioned whether Miss Pickford, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, had proved that the pain was organic in origin.

Miss Pickford was sacked in 1990 after taking long periods off work because of pain in both hands. The injury had been caused by the very large amount of typing at speed for long periods without breaks or rest periods, she claimed.

The Law Lords said that it could reasonably have been expected that a person of her intelligence and experience would take rest pauses without being told.

## Detectives fear missing boy, 11, may be in coma

By PAUL WILKINSON

DETECTIVES searching for a missing epileptic schoolboy said yesterday that hopes were fading of finding him alive.

Wesley Neailey, 11, who is also dyslexic, was last seen outside a Chinese takeaway near his home in the West End of Newcastle upon Tyne three weeks ago today. He needs medication three times a day and police believe he could have slipped into a coma.

The officer leading the search, Detective Superintendent Trevor Fordy, when asked at a press conference yesterday if Wesley might be dead, replied: "That has got to be a fear, yes."

He said the possibility that Wesley had been abducted could not be ruled out. Another possibility was that he was sleeping rough, or being shielded from police by friends. He said Wesley was vulnerable for several reasons, including his age, medi-



Wesley: not afraid of talking to strangers

cal conditions and tendency to be "over friendly to strangers on occasions".

More than 50 officers are working on the case. They have already carried out a search of the area around the boy's home, checking allotments and derelict buildings. A lake in nearby Leazes Park was also dredged. Wesley disappeared some time after 8pm on June 5, riding his pink and white bicycle. It was found the next day by a child who knew him.

In an attempt to find fresh leads, police are today planning a reconstruction of his last sighting. Police will also watch Europe's biggest travelling fair, The Hoppings, which opens on Newcastle's Town Moor tonight, in case Wesley is attracted there.

Several people reported seeing the boy soon after his disappearance, but yesterday Mr Fordy said that many of the sightings had been discounted. Wesley's mother, Elizabeth, 33, and grandfather, Harry Hammond, 53, have both been involved in a massive poster campaign around Newcastle.

Mr Fordy said: "We have not given up hope of finding Wesley alive, but the longer time goes on we have to become increasingly anxious. We have discussed this with his parents and they are starting to think the worst now. He has never been reported missing from home before, and has never been missing overnight."

## Farmers demand badger cull

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FARMERS called yesterday for a widespread badger cull to prevent the spread of tuberculosis to cattle herds.

The cost to farms with TB-infected herds is running at up to £30 million a year because of quarantine restrictions and the reduced value of infected animals, farmers say. Badgers, whose numbers

have risen by over 75 per cent in ten years and now number more than 400,000, are believed to be the main source of TB in cattle, probably by contaminating pasture with their urine.

Ben Gill, president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "If the disease is allowed to continue unchecked, the nation's cattle population could well be under threat."

The number of herds reporting new TB outbreaks

each year rose from 143 in 1990 to 515 in 1997, according to Ministry of Agriculture figures. The disease is spreading outside its stronghold in southwest England.

The ministry is expected to announce within the next few weeks that it will carry out test culls after scientific advice. These could last up to five years and farmers fear that many farms exposed to infection from badgers will be left outside the test areas.

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The library was said by the Prince of Wales to be a "dim collection of brick sheds"

# Queen declares library open and long overdue

After 36 years of planning, controversial £511m building is officially open, writes Darya Alberge

THE Queen officially opened the new British Library yesterday, a building the Prince of Wales once described as a "dim collection of brick sheds groping for some symbolic significance". His mother said the modernistic architecture was "remarkable".

She referred jokingly to the troubled history of the £511 million library — 36 years of planning that has lasted almost as long as she has been on the throne — by noting

politely that the official opening had been in her "pending tray rather longer than most".

Prince Charles had asked during its lengthy construction: "How can you tell it's a library? It has no character to suggest it is a great public building." Yesterday, however, the Queen was more generous. "This is the largest public building erected in Britain this century, and it is entirely fitting that it should be a library," she

said. Congratulating the architects, builders, engineers, designers, technicians and management, she added: "This labour of love must have seemed at times to be 'endless'."

The Queen said that she was "reassured" to find books collected by George III "still at the heart" of the national library, and given such a prominent place in the glass tower. Her comment appeared to counter reported criticism by the

Royal Family that the books had been moved from the King's Library in the British Museum.

Accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, she was given a 50-minute guided tour of the Reading Rooms, exhibition galleries and basement stores three levels below ground at the library's new home in St Pancras, North London.

The Queen was also invited to request a book and observe the complex but smooth delivery.

However, the choice of book was left to the library — Ben Pimlott's biography, *The Queen* — and, in a stage-managed operation, it was waiting for her before her arrival.

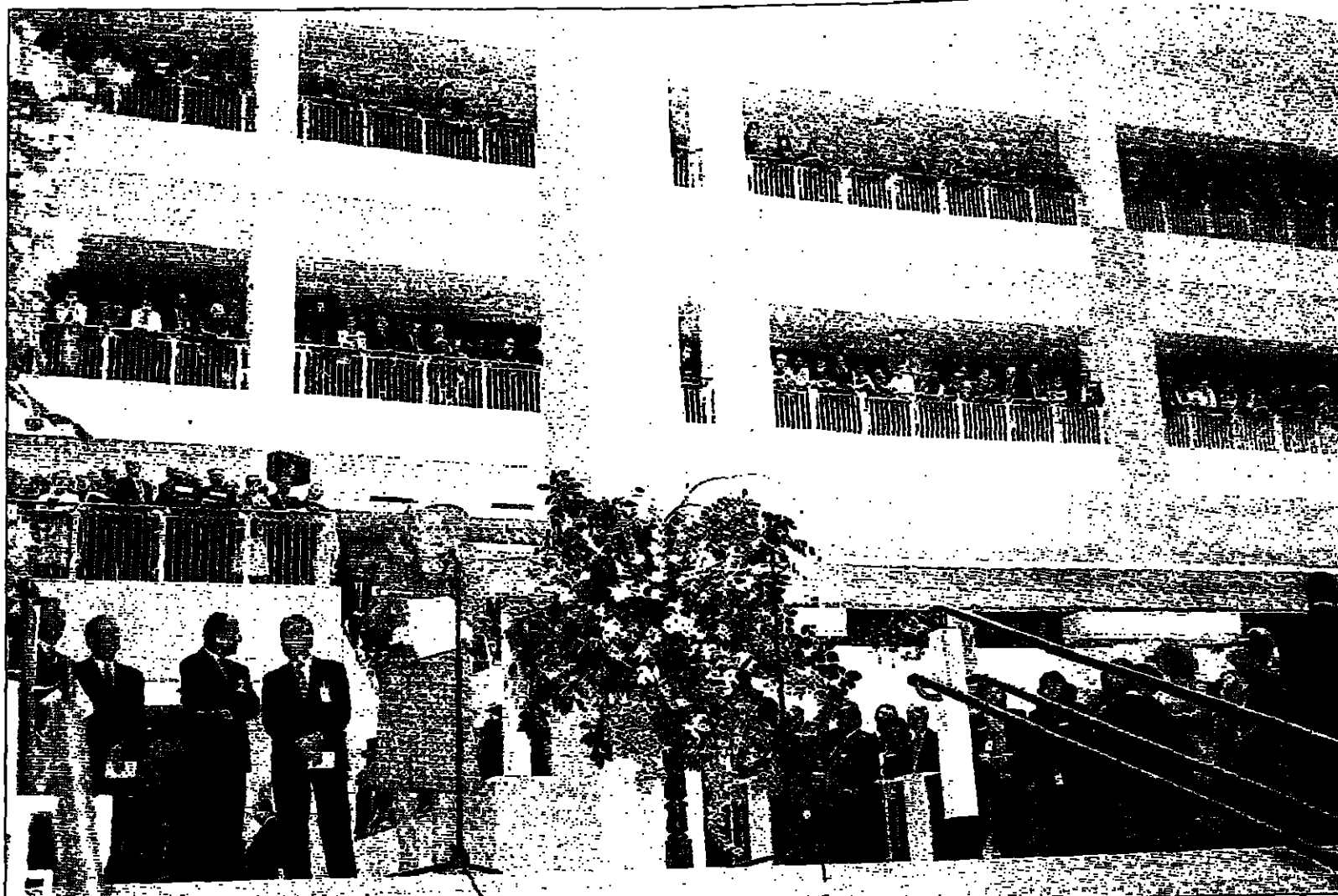
After travelling down three levels to the storerooms in the cramped lift, the royal couple wandered through aisles lined with some of the library's 12 million volumes and met several subterranean librarians. They were then given a demonstration

of the sophisticated contraption that transports books along a conveyor belt and up a shaft to the relevant floor.

They were fascinated by an 1896 copy of *Racing Illustrated*, opened at a double-page spread on "The Prince of Wales's stud farm at Sandringham". One of the photographs at first baffled them. "That's the yard," the Duke pointed out to his wife. "And there's the office."

Although now officially opened, the library will not be fully operational until next year and its funding problems are far from over. After decades of difficulties, cost overruns and technical hitches — with an original budget of a mere £16 million ballooning to £511 million — it is considering charging readers.

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The Queen at the British Library yesterday, where she said the official opening had been in her "pending tray rather longer than most"

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### GP told to pay back drugs cash

A former GP was yesterday ordered to hand over the £29,659 profit he made illegally selling steroids to bodybuilders. Michael Thear-Graham, 36, who ran a surgery in Newport, South Wales, began selling drugs after running up mortgage arrears.

Dr Thear-Graham, of Henllys, near Cwmbran, was found guilty at Cardiff Crown Court in December of three charges of the unlawful sale of steroids and two of unlawfully dealing in medicines. He was also convicted of supplying a controlled drug with intent to supply. He was struck off after his conviction. He was jailed for six months and freed in March.

### Bacteria clue to life on Mars

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

COLONIES of bacteria have been found flourishing under the Antarctic ice, raising hopes of finding similar forms of life on Mars or Jupiter's moon Europa.

The McMurdo Dry Valleys in Antarctica are one of the coldest and driest deserts on Earth, with an average temperature of -68C, and just four inches of snow a year. But, buried six feet deep in solid ice, US scientists have found pockets of water which sustain bacteria.

The pockets exist only during the summer, when the sun shines all day and some of the ice melts. Small amounts of light, carbon dioxide and a few minerals help the bacteria to survive. In the winter the pockets freeze solid.

"This is a very barren environment with virtually nothing we usually associate with living organisms," says Stephen Giovannoni of Oregon State University, one of the team that reports the results in *Science*. "But these photosynthetic cyanobacteria are alive, self-sufficient, and growing."

"They are able to live through the harsh freeze-thaw cycle of the seasons, fix nitrogen and release oxygen as they make carbohydrates from water and carbon dioxide."

The findings have made scientists speculate about life on Mars and Europa. Dr Giovannoni said: "Both have frozen water at or near their surfaces. In conditions similar to those we observed in Antarctica it would be a distinct possibility that similar life forms exist."

Mars is dry and cold with temperatures ranging from -100C to freezing point. Europa is believed to have a subterranean ocean of water or slush, warmed by tidal forces, beneath a shell of ice.

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### Girls die in crash

Two girls, aged 12 and 10, died when the car in which they were travelling hit a Ford Escort near Burton upon Trent, Staffordshire. The driver, a woman aged 19, also died but two 13-year-old girls in her car and the driver of the Escort survived.

### Assault charges

A former house parent at the Fairfield National Children's Home in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, was remanded in custody on eight charges of indecently assaulting boys there between 1974 and 1989. Barry Briggs, 44, is due to appear in court again on July 1.

### Man charged

Craig Aaron Smith, 19, of Congleton, Cheshire, accused of killing 13-year-old Claire Hart last Thursday, was remanded in custody until July 3 by Macclesfield magistrates. Claire's body was found in a river half a mile from her home in Eaton, Cheshire.

### Railway bazaar

A 150-year-old iron rail, one of many used by Isambard Kingdom Brunel for a bridge along the original 1841 Great Western Railway track, has been sold for £1,600. It was bought by Brian Scott, the former chief executive of Great Western Holdings.

### Prison damages

A prison tutor who was beaten unconscious by an inmate during an attempted breakout at the Hindley young offenders institution near Wigan was awarded £81,000 damages by the Home Office. William Johnson, 61, was attacked during a carpentry lesson.

### Hostage freed

A man has returned a copy of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Kidnapped* that he borrowed 65 years ago from Urmston public library in Manchester. He escaped a fine, which would have amounted to about £1,200, under an amnesty for unreturned books.

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# British Jewry falls to lowest level for century

THE number of Jewish people in Britain has fallen below 300,000 for the first time since the influx of refugees from persecution in the Russian Empire at the turn of the century, according to a new report.

Assimilation and intermarriage are thought to be the main reasons behind a fall in the number of Jewish people in Britain from 308,000 in 1985 to just 285,000 in 1995, the latest year for which figures are available. An increase in numbers emigrating to Israel, particularly of young people, has also contributed to the decline in British Jewry and to the population having a higher average age.

The chief areas to suffer decline were communities outside the capital, such as Leeds and Glasgow, with British Jewry concentrated more than ever before in the London area as a result. In Birmingham and Glasgow, the number of Jewish people fell by a quarter over a single decade.

The figures, compiled by the Board of Deputies of British Jews, will be published officially in a report next month, according to today's *Jewish Chronicle*.

They show that of the nine biggest centres of Jewish population, only Bournemouth remained stable with 3,000 Jewish people.

The Anglo-Jewish popula-

Assimilation and intermarriage are blamed for trend, reports Ruth Gledhill

tion is declining annually by 2,300 people, producing the 7.5 per cent fall over the decade to 1995. The declines were steepest in Birmingham, where the Jewish population fell from 5,000 to 4,000 between 1985 and 1995, and in Glasgow, where it fell from 7,500 to 5,600. But in Southend, the population fell almost as steeply. In Leeds, numbers fell by 17 per cent from 12,000 to 10,000. In the Manchester area, the community fell by just 7 per cent, to 27,800.

The Jewish population of London and the Home Counties now accounts for 72 per cent of British Jewry, having fallen by 5 per cent from 215,500 to 204,650.

Marlena Schmol, director of the community research unit at the Board of Deputies, said that the picture was not entirely bleak. "By concentrating on quantity, you lose sight of the qualitative

changes, and they are not all bad," she said.

Tony Lerman, of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research, said: "This is no great surprise. The trends have been in this direction for some time."

He said that the figures might not take into account the total number of Jewish people in Britain because they are based on membership figures of Jewish burial societies — which are linked to synagogues — and that not all Jews might belong to such societies. "But clearly the trend is downwards," he said. "The reasons are assimilation, a low birth rate, intermarriage and people no longer formally identifying themselves with the religion by joining organisations where they would be counted as Jews for the purposes of these figures."

A recent survey by the institute found that many Jewish people acknowledged their Jewish origins but who took no part in religious or communal life. It found that 38 per cent of Jewish men who were married or in a stable relationship had non-Jewish partners, and about one-quarter of women had non-Jewish partners.

At a recent meeting of the Board, Michael Sinclair, a leading figure in Jewish education, said that educational initiatives were essential to check the rate of assimilation.



George McCallum chats to models at the Citroën in Fashion display yesterday

# Green wellies lend appeal to Scots fashion

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

SCOTTISH farmers were offered a dramatic makeover yesterday when some of the hottest styles from international designers were unveiled at the Royal Highland Show.

The addition of the catwalk to the more traditional programme of agricultural machinery, fertilisers, cattle auctions and sheep dipping displays, was welcomed with a mixture of curiosity and bemusement by the Barbour-clad crowds attending the farm, country and food extravaganza at Ingliston outside Edinburgh. The event attracts more than 150,000 visitors and is a showcase for 4,000 cattle, sheep, poultry and goats.

David Dunsmuir, manager of the Royal Highland Show, said that he hoped the Citroën in Fashion display — produced by Lesley Goring of London Fashion Week and the Clothes Show Live — would widen the show's appeal. "We have a huge number of young farmers here. They don't buy Daks suits any more. They are just as interested in designer clothes as kids from the city."

With pop music blasting out and wolf-whistles from a group of teenage country folk, eight waif-like models and four male models took to the catwalk. They wore

fimsy, transparent frocks, metallic tops, and denim micro-minis. The men paraded in velvet trousers, silk silver jeans and clingy lycra T-shirts.

Designers including La Roche, Planet, Saville Row's Oswald Boateng, Empire and Brach & Brach featured alongside high street stores such as Littlewoods. The showstopper was a see-through chiffon, sheep-print slip dress and matching bra by the British designer Scott Henshall. It was worn with green wellington boots — the only concession to farming convention.

Glancing at a particularly close-fitting satin wedding dress, with bone pearl embroidered bodice, one sheep farmer commented: "I hope her reception doesn't go on too long. I think she'll have difficulty sitting down."

George McCallum, 65, an auctioneer from Dingwall, Highland, resplendent in kilt and tweed jacket, took time out from judging the Aberdeen Angus to take a look. Asked if he would consider swapping his attire for an expensive pair of skintight gold lamé trousers, he said: "Most certainly not."

Pausing for a moment, he added: "It brings a wee bit of glamour, I suppose. But it's more for the women."

# Doctor who supplied LSD is jailed

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

A YOUNG doctor was jailed for three months yesterday for supplying LSD to friends — including an off-duty policeman — at a party.

Michael McKenzie, 25, described as a dedicated professional embarking on what promised to be an outstanding career, now faces being struck off. Sheriff Neal Douglas told McKenzie, of Paisley, Strathclyde, the only possible punishment was a period in custody.

At the trial three weeks ago, at which the doctor pleaded not guilty, the court heard how former Strathclyde police constable, Alexander Robertson, 24, of Paisley, had suffered "nightmarish"

hallucinations after taking a tablet of LSD given to him by the doctor at the party last July. He feared he had overdosed when he began hearing voices and howling werewolves in his head "like in *An American Werewolf in London*." He left the party and wandered the streets, saying that everyone around him looked like zombies.

McKenzie, a senior house officer specialising in obstetrics and gynaecology at Sunderland Royal Hospital before resigning in June prior to the trial, was described as an outstanding schoolboy who had been offered a place at Glasgow University at the age of 15. He was also a former Scout Leader. For the defence, Edgar Prais, QC, pleaded with

the Paisley Sheriff to refrain from jailing his client, saying that although the offences were serious, he had much to offer the community.

He backed up his claims with a glowing reference from a leading doctor who described McKenzie as a man of "outstanding ability and professional excellence." The consultant, Dr Rashid, said he was filled with "shock, surprise and incredulity" when he learned of the convictions from newspaper reports following the trial three weeks ago.

Mr Prais said the conviction had shaken his client, who came from a respectable family, "to his boots and his life to its roots." "He has learned as bitter a lesson as anyone possibly could."

# Social worker 'raped girl'



McKenzie may be struck off over prison sentence

A SOCIAL worker raped one teenage girl and indecently assaulted others while they were in his care, a court was told yesterday.

Andrew Wilkinson, 34, abused his position of trust at a children's home where he worked in Wakefield, West Yorkshire. Christopher Attwool, for the prosecution, told a jury at Leeds Crown Court. He raped a 14-year-old and indecently assaulted three others aged 14 or 15 over four years, it was alleged.

Mr Wilkinson, who denies eight charges of indecent assault and one of rape, was

employed as a deputy group leader by Wakefield social services department and worked at a home for emotionally disturbed children aged between 10 and 17. He abused his position by assaulting the girls, going into their bedrooms at night and kissing and touching them, Mr Attwool said.

The rape victim, who was 14 at the time of the alleged attack, remembered being led into a staff bedroom and raped on a mattress on the floor as she pleaded with Mr Wilkinson to stop. "He told her to shut up and called her

names and told her she couldn't tell anyone because no one would believe her that she was a slag and it was all her fault and she was only getting what she deserved."

Mr Attwool told the court. Mr Wilkinson, whose address cannot be disclosed for legal reasons, approached the girl a few days later telling her she was only a little girl nobody wanted, it was alleged. Five of the indecent assault charges arose from Mr Wilkinson having sex with a 15-year-old girl with her consent, the jury was told.

The trial continues.

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# Paper recycling schemes fold as price slumps

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

PAPER recycling schemes are collapsing across the country, a report published yesterday claims.

A survey of more than 200 local authorities has found that more than one in ten have stopped kerbside collections, a similar number have closed paper banks and a third have dropped plans to expand paper recycling in the past 18 months. Much of the blame is being put on a sharp fall in the value of waste paper. Mills are paying about £30 a tonne, compared with about £55 a tonne in 1996.

Mike Childs of Friends of the Earth, which commissioned the survey, said the Government should back moves to increase the recycled content of newspapers. If the recycling market was not supported, waste paper would increasingly end up being incinerated, which can cause air pollution, or dumped in

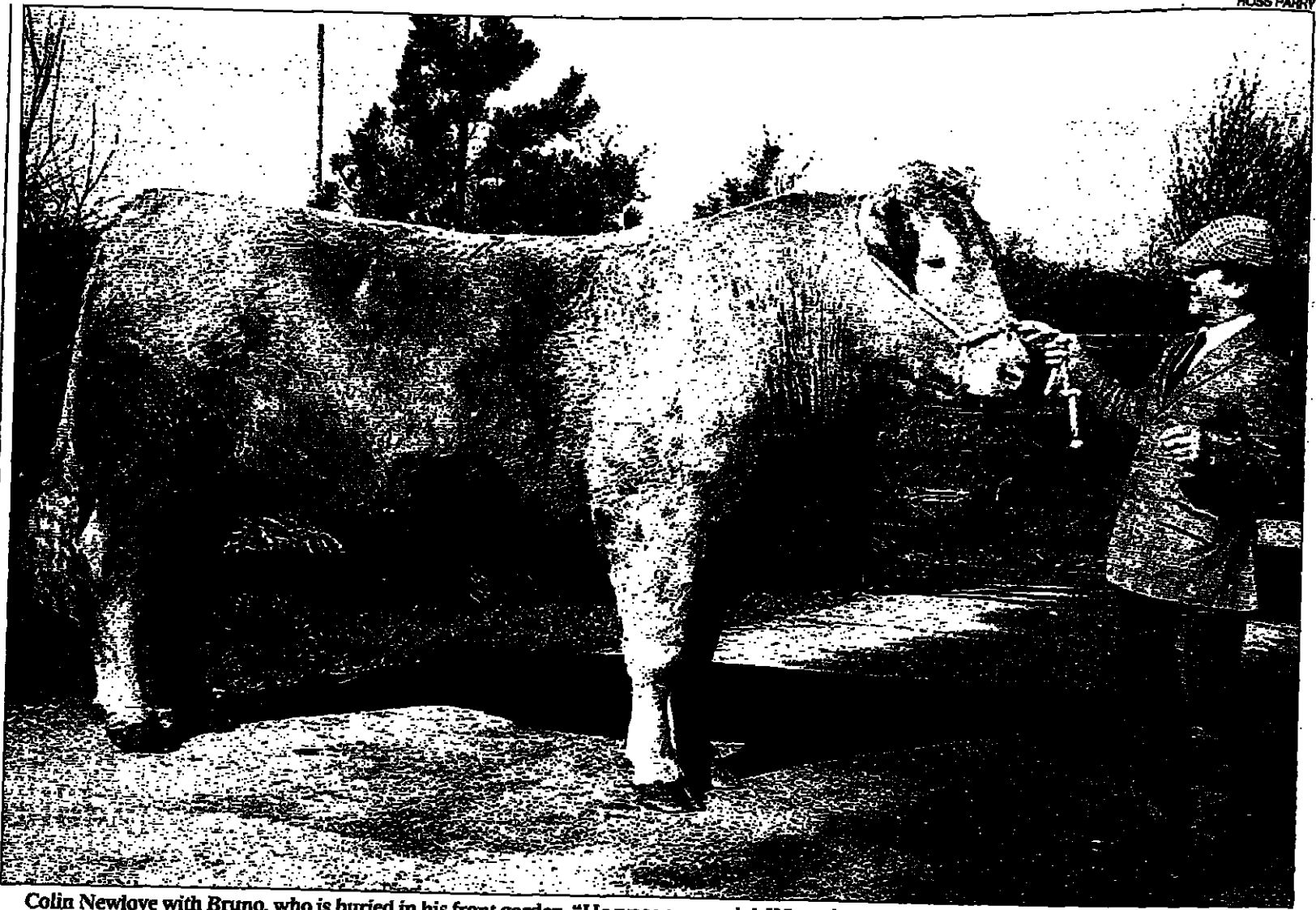
tips, where it can break down and leak toxic chemicals into rivers.

Friends of the Earth says old, natural forests rich in wildlife are still being felled in Scandinavia and replaced with monotonous plantations which support few species to supply Britain with pulp.

In Finland, another supplier to Britain, peatlands are being drained and planted, leading to large releases of carbon dioxide and pollution of rivers from run-off.

Britain is towards the bottom of the European league, recycling 39.6 per cent of waste paper compared with 41 per cent in Spain, 50 per cent in Norway, 66 per cent in Sweden and 71 per cent in Austria and Germany. Only Ireland, Italy, Greece, Belgium and Portugal recycle less.

David Symmers, of the Independent Waste Paper Processors Association, said that



Colin Newlove with Bruno, who is buried in his front garden. "He was very special. When the ground settles, I'll be putting up a gravestone"

## Bruno the bull's brush with death

By A Correspondent

HE weighed 16 tons, stood taller than a police horse, and had legs 12 inches thick. Bruno the bull was Colin Newlove's pride and joy.

So pleased was the farmer with the beast, reported to be Britain's biggest bull, that he spent ten years searching for an artist capable of immortalising him. Eventually he commissioned Jo Camping, from Thirsk, North Yorkshire, but time was running out for Bruno — named after the boxer Frank Bruno.

The animal, bred from a South Devon cow and a Charolais bull, had already lived more than twice a bull's normal life span. Just as the finishing brush strokes were being applied to the watercolour, Bruno died.

Since his birth in 1982, Bruno had become one of the family, and had appeared regularly at the Great Yorkshire Show until his retirement six years ago. Mr Newlove and his wife, Helen, buried him in their front garden, using a mechanical digger to carry him.

Mr Newlove, of Selley Bridge Farm, Low Marishes, near Malton, North Yorkshire, said: "He was very special. When the ground settles, I'll be putting up a gravestone and perhaps planting some roses."



The watercolour of Bruno at the Great Yorkshire Show



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# Linguist's lost letters reveal words of passion

Sir Richard Francis Burton's marriage was not the loveless union it was painted, says John Vincent

HE translated such erotic classics as the *Kama Sutra* and the *Perfumed Garden* and dared to translate *Arabian Nights*. But it was always believed that Sir Richard Francis Burton, the distinguished explorer, secret agent, orientalist, linguist and diplomat, was trapped in a long, loveless marriage.

Newly discovered letters and photographs, however, which were thought to have been burnt in a fit of Christian pique by his aristocratic Catholic wife Isabel, paint a different picture. They reveal that her 30-year union to the man who mastered 29 languages and discovered Lake Tanganyika was passionate to the last. Mary Lovell, a biographer, stumbled on the documents by

chance while researching material for a book about June Digby, the aristocrat who became a bedouin matriarch and befriended the Burtons in 1869 when Sir Richard was the British Consul in Damascus. Her book on the couple, *A Rage to Live* — due to be published in September — is based on more than 1,000 documents.

She said yesterday: "I was amazed to come across this huge trench of papers when it was so widely believed that Isabel had burned almost everything in a vast bonfire after her husband died." Most biographies "portray the marriage as 'an unlikely one' and Isabel has been given a consistently bad press", Mrs Lovell said. In Frank



Lovell's book shows the marriage in a new light

McLynn's *Snow Upon the Desert*, published in 1940, Burton was alleged to be homosexual. The book added that "sex played little part in their marriage". Mrs Lovell said: "In fact, Burton met his true match in Isabel. Few women would have been able to live in

harmony with Burton, let alone share his adventures, his love of the exotic and still retain her own powerful identity.

"The content of the papers shows that the couple enjoyed a very loving relationship throughout their 30-year marriage and that Isabel's main reason for burning personal papers was to protect Burton's reputation after his death."

Among the most important documents Isabel destroyed was Burton's unfinished translation of the Arabic sex manual *The Scented Garden Men's Hearts to Gladden*. After her husband's death in 1890, she turned down 6,000 guineas for the manuscript before setting it on fire, page by page. It was thought that she did so out of disgust for its content, but the papers show that she was convinced his name would be reviled if it became public.

The papers and photos go on display tomorrow in an exhibition called *Lady Bur-*



Lady Isabel and Sir Richard Francis Burton were previously thought to have endured a loveless marriage

ton's Gift at the Orleans House Gallery in Twickenham, southwest London. They will be shown with a copy of Burton's favourite bedouin text, on which Isabel based the design of the Arabian Nights mausoleum in Murilake cemetery where they are buried. In one letter to her mother

dated May 3 1868, an anguished Isabel writes from Brazil: "I have been in the greatest trouble... you may remember Richard was very ill with a pain in the side. At last he took to incessant paroxysms of screaming and seemed to be dying. Fortunately a doctor came from Rio...

he put 12 leeches on, lanced him in 38 places and put on a powerful blister. He lost an immense amount (30 glasses) of black, clotted blood... it was congestion of the liver." Particularly poignant is a small envelope with an inscription by Isabel which reads: "The last flowers my

darling culled the day before his death." Burton died at Trieste in October, 1890, aged 69. Isabel sent his body to England, to where she returned in January the next year with 200 boxes of books and papers. She died in March 1896 of cancer of the womb aged 65.

## Health warning as scare reduces vaccinations

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE TRIPLE-VACCINE scare has undermined Britain's immunisation programme, researchers have claimed.

A study in Wales has shown a substantial drop in the number of parents allowing their children to have the combined measles, mumps and rubella vaccine since research published by *The Lancet* in February implied a possible link with autism.

The Public Health Laboratory Service, which organised the research published today in the magazine, fears that the results could have serious implications.

A spokesman said: "If the uptake of MMR vaccines continues to decline, measles, mumps and rubella will return, with all the associated problems. Rubella has significant implications for children being born with birth defects when women catch the disease while pregnant." Measles could be fatal.

The investigators, led by Dr Daniel Thomas and Dr Roland Salmon, calculated the percentage uptake of MMR in children in Wales aged 24 to 26 months and 15 to 17 months by March 31, 1998. They compared this with immunisation uptakes in Wales for the same age groups in years back

to 1994 and found there had been a drop in uptake of first MMR immunisation since 1995, with a sharp fall coinciding with February's scare.

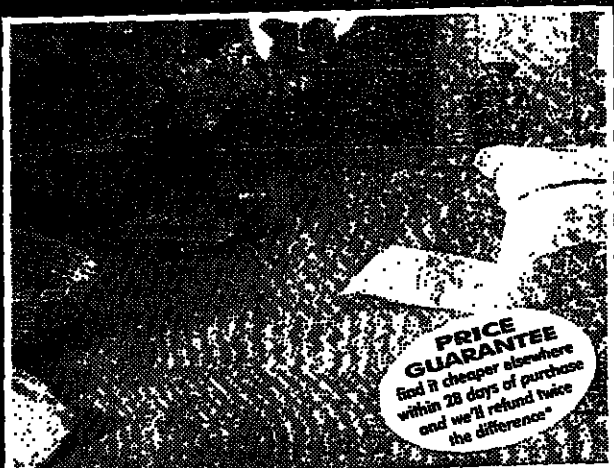
For children aged 15 to 17 months, the average figure between 1997 and 1998 fell from 77.3 per cent to 73.2 per cent. MMR uptake for children aged 24 to 26 months was consistently higher and showed a less marked decline. By the end of March 1998, 89.1 per cent of children in this age group were immunised.

The researchers calculated that MMR uptake by the age of two years in the group now aged 15 to 17 months would be about 85 per cent. However, levels of immunity of about 95 per cent are needed to eliminate measles. A level of 80 per cent for rubella was no more effective than the policy of vaccinating girls at 12 years old, abolished in 1988.

Teenagers cutting out dairy products in an effort to stay slim are risking osteoporosis, the brittle bone disease.

Linda Edwards, director of the National Osteoporosis Society, said: "One in four teenagers is on a diet and some even cut out skimmed milk." She said the scale of the disease was unknown because it usually became apparent when people were older.

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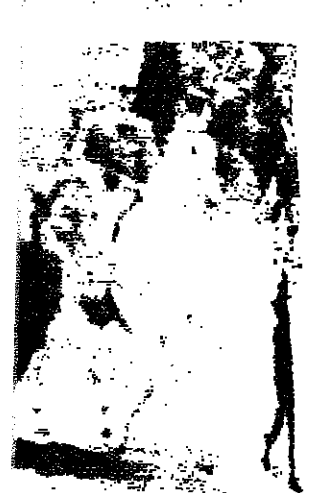
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# Gas stations put on hold in coal deal

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

APPLICATIONS for up to 20 new gas-fired power stations are to be put on hold while the Government tries to make the energy market fairer for the coal industry, Margaret Beckett told MPs yesterday.

The President of the Board of Trade was accused of continuing the moratorium on the building of gas plants by another name after telling the Commons that she would approach new and pending planning consents on the basis that new gas-fired generation "would normally be inconsistent with our energy policy concerns relating to diversity and security".

But Mrs Beckett insisted that the policy would only be in force while reforms designed to correct the bias against coal were in place. Between 12 and 20 gas stations

that have already been approved will go ahead.

As expected Mrs Beckett told MPs that electricity prices could fall by 10 per cent within 15 months as a result of the changes — a saving of around £3 a quarter on domestic bills. She stressed that there were no plans to subsidise the coal industry — 23 pits employing around 13,000 people — or to guarantee it market share.

Mrs Beckett set out a series of proposals aimed at ending the "distortions" in the market. These include:  
 □ Reform of the electricity "pool", the wholesale trading arrangements that are felt to be tilted against coal. These decide which power plant supplies power to consumers.  
 □ Asking the big three power generators to divest themselves of some coal-fired



plants to boost competition.  
 □ Separate licensing of distribution and supply.

Mrs Beckett said she wanted to make it clear there had been no deal between the Government and the power generators to persuade them to buy British coal to avert further pit closures. "Purchase decisions are a matter for the

generators and this has been made clear to them."

Under the current arrangements gas use is expected to rise to well over 50 per cent during this Parliament, 60 per cent by 2010 and more than 75 per cent by 2020. But ministers believe they have done enough to safeguard the future of most pits. One Department of

Trade and Industry official predicted that coal sales of around 25 million tonnes could be achieved if prices were pitched correctly — enough to keep most existing pits and miners' jobs in place in the short term at least.

John Redwood, the Shadow Trade Secretary, dismissed the statement. He said: "We

were promised an elephant of a policy and we have been offered a mouse."

Kevin Barron, the Labour energy spokesman and former miner, said the package was "the first bit of good news the deep-mined industry has had for over a decade".

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# How Blair tore draft plan apart

By VALERIE ELLIOTT AND PHILIP WEBSTER

TONY BLAIR was reported by close aides to have written every word of yesterday's coal rescue plan after ripping up the draft document from the Department of Trade and Industry and Treasury.

In the latest episode demonstrating the influence of No 10 on key policies it emerged that at Chequers two weekends ago that Mr Blair read the draft which had been agreed between the DTI and the Treasury and "tore it apart". One source said: "It looked good on paper for about five minutes and then fell apart."

Mr Blair was apparently unhappy with what he saw as old Labour "quick-fix" ideas to tide over the mining industry. The paper had been drawn up by John Battle, Junior Industry Minister, with Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, and was approved by Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade.

The plan would have stopped any new gas stations being built, was legally questionable and smacked of old-

style interventionism. But Mr Blair drew on advice across the energy industry.

For the Prime Minister the aim was to find the kind of "third way" solution — state intervention and Thatcherite *laissez-faire* — that would give the industry the chance of long-term survival. The same day he returned the draft to the Treasury with a series of hand-written questions — "Why are we doing that? Why not this?"

He wanted a deal that would give no further subsidies but would address the coal industry's concerns that the market was rigged against it.

He believed the only way to allow the survival of coal was to allow it to compete with gas and nuclear power on a level playing-field.

This prompted the reform of the electricity "pool" through which power suppliers and producers determine prices. Even old Labour ministers were last night proclaiming "a middle way solution."

# MPs seek answers on fate of Commons questions

By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE public could have greater rights than MPs to ask ministers awkward questions — and get answers — under new Freedom of Information laws, Parliament was warned yesterday.

The laws could signal the end of written parliamentary questions as MPs would find it easier to get a friend or relation to pose tricky questions. The public would have a right of appeal if the Government refused it information — a right not open to MPs.

MPs would also be disadvantaged because the Government will not answer questions for which answers

cost more than £450 to compile. The public, however, has the option to pay.

Whitehall departments were also accused last night of being "too clever by half" in trying to deny information to MPs. Last year ministers refused to answer 145 parliamentary questions, including those on documents relating to BSE, the siting of US nuclear weapons, telephone tapping, and drugs trials. When permanent secretaries were asked why they had declined to give answers, most of their replies were "pompous".

A report from the Commons Public Administration Com-

mittee said: "It would be absurd if a private request should be in some way a better method of obtaining an answer from the Government than the public request in Parliament. Ministers should continue to be held to account by Parliament."

Last night Rhodri Morgan, Labour chairman of the committee and MP for Cardiff West, said that the Government and Parliament had to resolve this issue. "It would be embarrassing for an MP to write such a request and to indicate to his constituents that they had greater chance of access than their MP."

# Ashdown's task is to create new Liberalism

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

THE Liberal Democrats have an identity problem. Labour has now occupied much of the ground which the old Alliance and the SDP held in the 1980s — pro-business, pro-Europe and pro-constitutional reform — as well as capturing some of their former supporters. At the same time, the Lib Dems are pursuing a policy of "constructive opposition". This has presented both a tactical and an ideological quandary for the party.

The Lib Dems have yet to hit the right balance between constructive and opposition, between co-operating on constitutional reform and reserving the right to oppose on other issues such as health and schools. Too often, Lib Dem MPs sound shrill and strident, like insecure younger children resentful of the success of their older siblings. The Government, for its part, resents such criticism and believes that they should behave like loyal supporters.

But underlying this tactical dilemma is a growing ideological debate about where the Lib Dems stand. Many of their attacks on the Government reflect an old-fashioned producer bias, the belief that the answer to all public sector problems is to spend more. That appeals to those Lib Dems who like being seen as on the "left" of the Government. Such attacks understandably infuriate ministers

and obstruct closer co-operation between the parties.

By contrast, Paddy Ashdown believes that the only way that the Lib Dems can stay ahead of the game and retain a clear identity is by taking a radical view of how the public sector delivers services. In a speech tomorrow to Lib Dem councillors, he will argue that government is more effective as a commissioner and regulator of quality, rather than a doer itself. He wants an emphasis on outcomes with annual contracts or service delivery agreements between politicians and providers monitored by the National Audit Office.

Mr Ashdown never knowingly undersells. He claims that, over time, these reforms would "represent a revolution in public service delivery, a revolution comparable in scope and impact to the constitutional revolution we have begun". Perhaps. But if these reforms are to mean anything, they will have to involve big changes to the present system of delivery.

The party will next week publish a paper from a commission under Don Foster which will propose making local education authorities

primarily responsible for the procurement of education, but not necessarily the ownership and operation of state schools. Community groups and others would be encouraged to establish not-for-profit Neighbourhood Schools Trusts which would take over individual schools or groups of schools. These would own premises and employ staff. There are some similarities with the American charter schools, which are freestanding bodies set up by parents and teachers operating within the public sector. Local authorities would still, however, have a key role for ensuring equality of access, establishing admissions policies and allocating funding, as well as monitoring performance.

These ideas challenge the vested producer interests and opinions of many Lib Dems, particularly the councillors who form the backbone of the party locally. Many are teachers and are attached to the comprehensive system. The education paper will be the first of several reviews of policy to be debated at the Lib Dem conference in September. As much as the strategy of constructive opposition, these policy debates will be crucial to the future direction of the party — whether Mr Ashdown can create a new Liberalism to match new Labour.

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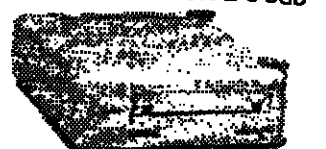
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# Euro court outlaws £2bn subsidy to Air France

THE fate of a huge state subsidy to Air France was thrown into doubt yesterday when the European Court of Justice ruled in a British-inspired case that the Brussels Commission had approved the package illegally.

The decision was hailed by the Government and British and continental airlines as a landmark victory against the practice of propping up failing national airlines with taxpayers' money. Air France, which has struggled back from near bankruptcy and just weathered a pilots' strike, could ultimately be forced to hand back to the Government the £2 billion subsidy. The money, approved in 1994, helped to save the airline from collapse and set it on course for future privatisation.

However, the European Commission, Air France and the French Government insisted that there was no immediate question of returning the money. The ruling was technical and could be reversed through appeal or a new legal approach from the Commission, they said. A final outcome will take years.

Air France, however, defiantly claimed yesterday that it would still be able to keep the money. "The £2 billion are not affected by this judgment," the airline said.

Nevertheless, the ruling from the lower Luxembourg court, which sprang from a case brought by British Airways, British Midland and Air UK and backed by the



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British Government, amounted to a symbolic blow against the way in which Brussels has bowed to pressure and waved through huge subsidies to state-owned airlines to help their restructuring.

Although embarrassing to the Commission, the decision strengthens the hands of Neil Kinnock, the Transport Commissioner, and Karel van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, in their campaign to resist pressure from member governments for bailouts.

The Department of Environment and Transport welcomed the ruling. It said: "We have good grounds to hope that the days of massive handouts to state-owned airlines have come to an end."

British Airways, which has been leading the fight against

airline subsidies, said: "It sends a clear message to every state airline in Europe that the future lies in private hands, not in the pocket of the taxpayer." Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland, called the decision "an overwhelming victory for British Midland and for the European aviation industry".

The court said it "annulled the decision of the Commission authorising Air France to receive public recapitalisation of £2 billion over the period 1994-1996". The Commission had failed to provide adequate legal reasoning for approving Air France's purchase of 17 new aircraft, worth £1.1 billion; in addition, it had failed to analyse the competitive effect that the subsidy would have on the airline's business

on routes outside Europe, the court said.

It noted, however, that "all of the numerous substantive contentions raised by the parties were rejected by the court". The British were joined in their action by KLM and SAS, the Dutch and Scandinavian carriers.

The Commission approved the aid in 1994 on condition that Air France sold off a stake in Meridien Hotels, separated its operations from Air Inter, the domestic airline, and paid back a £150 million loan which it had obtained on preferential terms. British Midland said yesterday the order for the new aircraft had been cancelled soon after the Commission's go-ahead.

Thrown on the defensive, the Commission said it would

take time to decide its next step. Officials said privately that it would be highly unlikely that it would simply accept the decision and ask the airline to hand over the money.

"They are not saying you are totally wrong, but your legal reasoning is faulty," said a spokeswoman for Mr. Kinnock. "One of our options is to appeal, another is to re-argue the case differently."

After a spate of bailouts in the early 1990s, no new state aid requests are pending for airlines. However, the court is considering a case brought by Ryanair of Ireland against a £50 million slice of state aid that has been approved for Aer Lingus. Brussels has also frozen the latest instalment of aid for Olympic, the Greek airline, on the ground that it was not meeting its commitments to restructure.

Air France said the decision was based purely on the Commission's reasoning and did not call into question the basis of the approval of the aid. Air France, the French Government and the Commission have two months to notify the court whether they intend to appeal to the higher Luxembourg tribunal. The decision would have no effect on the planned flotation later this year of part of the airline's capital, the company said.

The French Government said it expected the Commission to resolve the problem by redrafting its reasoning.

## VERDICT SENDS CLEAR MESSAGE TO AIRLINES

British airlines which brought the case were confident the decision would stop European rivals getting state aid. British Airways said: "It sends a clear message to other state airlines in Europe that the future lies in private hands, not in the pocket of the taxpayer. In bringing this case we were not attacking Air France, rather than seeking to clarify the law on state aid. Air France is one of Europe's

great airlines and does not need state aid to have a successful future." Michael Bishop, the British Midland chairman, did not believe airlines needed state aid. "It's an important moral and psychological victory. We don't believe airlines need to be propped up by their governments. If they run into problems, they should either be allowed to fail or they should restructure."

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# Handouts persist despite market rhetoric

WHILE the European Commission yesterday played down the impact of the Luxembourg court ruling on aid to Air France, the decision has backed up a long-standing argument from Britain and free-market champions: as tough as Brussels may talk about enforcing the single market, it finds it difficult to say no when governments come up in hand.

In recent years, the Commission's market enforcers, headed by Karel van Miert, the Competition Commissioner, have cracked down on mergers and takeovers that promoted dominant market positions. Examples are Mr van Miert's fight last year against the Boeing merger with McDonnell Douglas and his continuing review of the British Airways alliance with American Airlines.

However, the Belgian commissioner, along with officials in Neil Kinnock's transport directorate, acknowledge that political factors apply when it comes to bailing out the cherished enterprises of the big member states. Since 1991,

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the Commission has cleared state aid totalling more than £8 billion to almost all the big national state-owned airlines as they have struggled to transform from flag-carrying dinosaurs to market players.

Recipients have included Alitalia, Iberia, Olympic, Air France, Aer Lingus, Sabena

and the Portuguese TAP. The Commission has set progressively tougher conditions as the climate of global competition has grown harsher. Earlier this year it threatened to halt approval for the latest phase of Alitalia's £980 million bailout because the airline was not meeting its

conditions. It gave the green light this month. The terms of the £2 billion Air France injection, approved in 1994, were regarded as especially gentle.

The appetite for subsidising industry has not waned in some states. Handouts have continued at a high level in the past few years as governments have tried to pump cash into failing industry. Some £40 billion a year of public money is estimated to be propping up EU industries — about £980 per citizen. The worst offenders are France and Germany, where the governments remain addicted, in Mr van Miert's words, to the drug of state subsidies. Britain stands as a shining example of an EU state that has weaned itself off the habit.

Fighting political pressure, especially over such high-profile cases as Crédit Lyonnais, the loss-making French state bank, Mr van Miert and his colleagues often voice indignation over what they see as short-sighted policy, that serves only to exacerbate long-term misery. The Com-

mission last month bowed to intense French pressure to approve a third "last chance" handout to keep Crédit Lyonnais afloat. The total bailout is costing French taxpayers between £5 billion and £9 billion.

The resistance of Brussels to state aid is widely viewed as unfair interference in Paris and Bonn. Much of the current campaign by Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, against a centralised Europe is driven by anger over the Commission's resistance to subsidies for German firms.



Kinnock: political factors influence state rescues



Van Miert: he opposed planned Boeing merger

## WORLD IN BRIEF

### Adam and Eve joke lands editor in jail

Kuwait City: A six-month jail sentence with hard labour imposed on the editor-in-chief of the Kuwaiti daily newspaper *al-Qabas* for publishing an Adam and Eve joke deemed insulting to Islam provoked shock and outrage yesterday.

In the joke, a teacher asks a student why God banished Adam and Eve from Eden. The student replies that it is because they had not paid their rent. A court convicted Muhammad al-Saqer on Wednesday and sentenced Ibrahim Marzouk in absentia. The court ordered *al-Qabas* to close for a week. (AFP)

### Torturers 'at large in London'

London: Generals responsible for torture in Zaire, now the Democratic Republic of Congo, under the dictatorship of Sese Seko Mubutu — who died last September, aged 66, of cancer while in exile — are enjoying their wealth in London, said a British charity (Helen Rumbelow writes). The Medical Foundation has named five senior government members and is urging Britain to charge them under the 1988 Criminal Justice Act.

### Prodi to hold talks in Iran

Professor Romano Prodi is to become the first EU leader officially to visit Iran since the moderate President Khatami took power (Michael Evans writes). The Italian Prime Minister is due to leave for Tehran next Tuesday for two days of talks with Mr Khatami and others. He is expected to raise issues that prevent normalisation of relations with the EU, such as the farwa on the life of Salman Rushdie and its support of terrorist groups.

### Algerian singer murdered

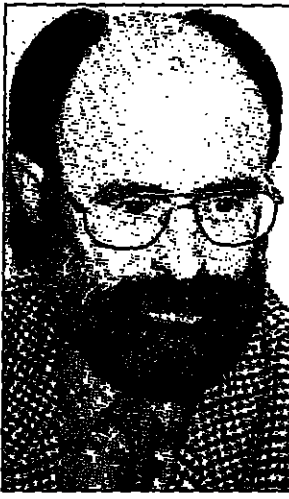
Algiers: Muslim rebels slit the throats of 17 civilians in a village 200 miles southwest of here overnight and hours later another group in northeastern Algeria killed Lounes Mounieb, a Berber and one of the country's best-known singers, security forces said. The massacre was the third in just over a week and brings to at least 260 the number of people who have died in the past few weeks of Algeria's six years of political violence. (Reuters)

### Sir Elton makes quick exit

Florence: Sir Elton John flew to his Italian city in a private jet to receive a prize, but flew straight out again empty-handed, apparently frightened off by the media horde awaiting him. He had been due to receive a special "music and fashion" award at the Palazzo Vecchio. Santo Versace, brother of Gianni Versace, the murdered fashion magnate, received the absent singer's award on his behalf. (Reuters)



The scene after a bomb on a motorcycle exploded, killing Manuel Zamarreño



Zamarreño: took place of friend shot in bar

## Eta bombers murder sixth town councillor

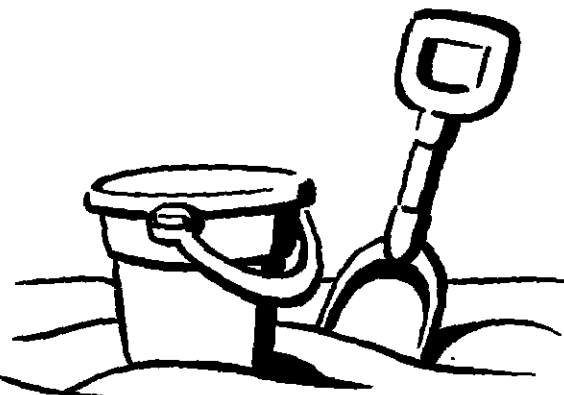
Madrid: Eta, the Basque separatist group, struck at the Popular Party of José María Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, yet again yesterday, murdering a town councillor in Renieria, near San Sebastián, whose predecessor had also been killed (Giles Tremlett writes).

A remote-control bomb on a motorbike killed Manuel Zamarreño as he walked near his home. His bodyguard was badly injured.

Señor Zamarreño became the sixth Popular Party town

councillor to be killed by Eta since the group began to target local politicians a year ago. He had received many threats after taking his place on the town council just a month ago — replacing a friend and former work colleague, José Luis Caso, who was shot in a bar in Renieria in December. The Popular Party's Basque area councillors have bodyguards. One of Señor Zamarreño's colleagues in Renieria resigned earlier this year, saying that she could not cope with the pressure.

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# US court rejects key veto power of President

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE US Supreme Court dealt a blow to President Clinton last night, declaring as unconstitutional the "line-item" veto that has let the White House cancel specific items in tax and spending measures.

Separately, the justices also ruled that asymptomatic HIV sufferers were protected by a federal ban on discrimination against the disabled, that attorney-client privilege existed posthumously, and that the Government could block funding to artists whose work was deemed indecent.

The decision of greatest political consequence, however, concerned the line-item veto. Granted by Congress to the White House in 1996, the legislation sought to limit spending on "pork-barrel" items, added to legislation as a filip for specific constituencies. It was the only big provision of the 1994 Republican Contract with America not merely endorsed by the President but trumpeted as his own. The White House has relied on it as a political lever in budget negotiations with Capitol Hill.

In a six-to-three ruling, the court said the law violated that part of the US Constitution that requires all legislation to be presented to the President for approval or veto. Partial vetoes were not permissible; the Constitution did not allow the amendment of the language of legislation to be signed into law.

Mr Clinton, the first US President to exercise an authority sought by almost every one of his predecessors this century, was deeply disappointed. "The decision is a defeat for all Americans," he said. "It deprives the President of a valuable tool for eliminating waste in the federal budget." Under the law, Mr

Clinton was able to sign a Bill and, within five days, return to Congress to reject specific spending items or tax breaks included in the legislation. He exercised that authority 82 times last year.

In his conclusions for the court, Justice John Paul Stevens cited the profound importance of the issue and said the procedures of the line-item veto were not authorised by the Constitution. "If there is to be a new procedure in which the President will play a different role in determining the test of what may become a law, such change must come not by legislation but through the amendment procedures set forth in Article 5 of the Constitution," he wrote.

The Supreme Court, in a series of rulings, also determined that those infected with HIV but suffering no obvious Aids symptoms are protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The justices ordered a lower court to reconsider whether a Maine dentist had violated the legislation when he refused to give a filling to an HIV woman.

In a decision that will relieve the White House, and specifically Hillary Clinton, the judges also thwarted attempts by Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, to obtain notes taken by a lawyer for Vince Foster nine days before the former deputy White House counsel was found dead in 1993.

The judgment that lawyer-client privilege remains in effect beyond death is likely to have a lasting impact on the US legal profession and may affect Mr Starr's efforts to glean evidence in the Monica Lewinsky case from Bruce Lindsey, the President's closest confidant and deputy White House counsel.

# Verdict reduces 'Zodiac' killer to tears

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

THE "Zodiac Killer" — a serial murderer so called because of his vow to kill one person for each astrological sign — has been found guilty of murder by a jury here and faces a maximum of 83 years in prison when he is sentenced in a month's time.

Heriberto Seda, a slight, handsome 30-year-old, killed three people and wounded six in a six-year period that began in March 1969 and ended in June 1969, when he was arrested for shooting his younger sister in the back. His trial, held in the State Supreme Court in Queens, lasted six weeks. But the jurors took only five-and-a-half hours to reach their verdict.

One juror, Claude Busnel, said that the swiftness of the decision may have been due to Seda's cocky demeanour in court. "He was smirking, tapping his lawyers, and seemed to be saying, 'I fooled them for six years.'"

Seda's mask, however, fell as the forewoman uttered the word "Guilty". Bursting into tears, he turned to his lawyers and said: "I wish I would have been found not guilty of something."

In the years that he was on the prowl, the Zodiac Killer acquired a major part in New York's ghoulie folklore. Rejected by the US Army because he failed a physical examination, he embarked on a reign of fear in the boroughs of Queens and Brooklyn. Seda took another serial killer, David Berkowitz — who achieved notoriety as "the Son of Sam" — as his model, embarking on one of the most bizarre killing sprees the city has seen.

He began his grisly project in November 1969, sending a letter to a police station in Brooklyn that said: "This is the Zodiac speaking." In it he declared that he would kill 12 people, one for every sign of the zodiac. All his victims were vulnerable, suffering from mental or physical disabilities or drug abuse. On March 8, 1970, he chose his



Seda: taunted police and threatened to kill 12. He confessed after shooting his sister during a row

first victim, described as "Scorpio", Mario Orozco, 49, was shot in the back in Brooklyn as he walked home from work at night. He survived.

After shooting, but failing to kill, another man, Seda committed his first murder on May 31, 1970. A 78-year-old man was shot in the back in Queens, and the Zodiac Killer dedicated his death to

Taurus. He killed twice more, and wounded four others, before he was arrested. On June 18, 1969, after a row with his sister Gladys, Seda shot her twice in the back. Neighbours called the police, who rushed to the scene and overpowered him. Shortly afterwards he confessed to being the Killer. He next faces trial in Brooklyn for three shootings.

# 'Poor' tycoon loses alimony battle

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE estranged wife, Jocelyne, of the millionaire art dealer Alec Wildenstein has won a victory in court that is as emphatic as her face-lifts.

A Manhattan appeals court ruled by five votes to nil that Mr Wildenstein, whose fortune has been estimated to be between \$5 million (£3 million) and \$15 million, is not "too impecunious, poor, impoverished or strained" to pay his wife a temporary monthly maintenance of \$140,000.

That sum was awarded earlier this year to her by Judge Marilyn Diamond of the same court, who is presiding over this divorce battle. Mr Wildenstein, pleading poverty, had appealed against Judge Diamond's decision, arguing that the award to his wife was "too high for a man in my financial position". The art dealer had stated that his annual income was a mere \$175,000, and that he was but a peon in the vast, global family business. His father, not he, controlled the purse-strings.

The court's rejection of his appeal is a blow more to Mr Wildenstein's pride than to his pocket. Few in New York had believed him when he said that he was too broke to pay up, and the city's mood was summed up nicely by the New York Post yesterday when it said, "Court won't buy Alec's sob story".

Bernard Clair, Mrs Wildenstein's lawyer, could not conceal his delight at the verdict. He said: "Alec Wildenstein lives a billionaire's life. What this decision does is confirm that he should support his wife of 20 years according to his means. Justice has been served. We're really pleased."

The court was quick to see through Mr Wildenstein's tactics. Citing the couple's "extraordinarily lavish marital lifestyle", it concluded that "the husband's actual income and financial resources are substantially greater than he has reported". The case now returns to Judge Diamond's court, where the issues of alimony and the division of property will be resolved, and promises to enter an even nastier phase.

# Judge bans Titanic tours

Washington: A judge has prompted an appeal from a British tour firm by barring visits to the Titanic, 400 miles off Newfoundland (Tom Rhodes writes).

Judge Calvitt Clarke ruled that no one could go within several miles or take photographs without the permission of RMS Titanic Inc,

which has owned the salvage rights since 1994.

But Lawyers for Deep Ocean Expeditions of Britain, which was planning an August trip to the site — including sending 60 passengers in submersibles to the ocean floor — says the court has no jurisdiction over a wreck in international waters.

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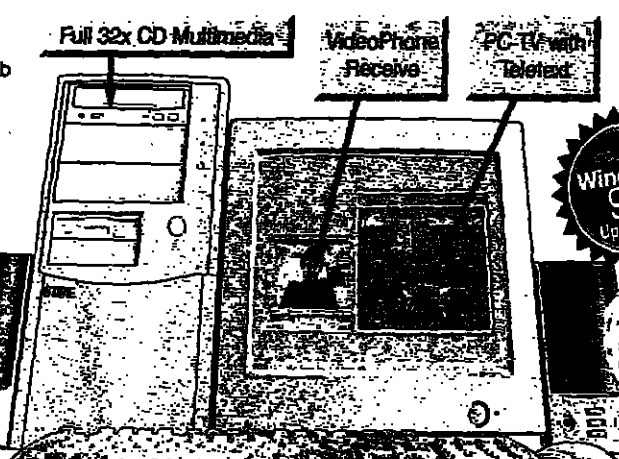
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FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE armed forces are the greatest source of British national pride, according to a study of patriotism in the United States next week.

From a survey of 28,000 people worldwide, the National Opinion Research Centre at the University of Chicago says that the British rank their military above everything — from democracy, politics and science to history, sports and the arts.

Entitled *National Pride: A Cross-National Analysis*, the report surveyed 23 nations and contained two separate scales: one involving pride in specific achievements, the other relating to a general sense of regard for country.

While Britain came second only to America in its devotion to the armed services, pride in other national achievements was not particularly strong and the country was placed 14th in the general category.

In the overall ranking of the two scales, Britons were placed eleventh, behind nationalities including Americans, Austrians, Irish, Japanese, Spanish, Norwegians and Bulgarians.

The researchers also found the Welsh were prouder of their British identity than people in the country as a whole.

"Despite the recent movement toward devolution in Scotland and Wales, these Celtic regions exhibit significant pride in the British nation," said Tom Smith, a director at the centre. "National pride in Wales is greater than in Britain as a whole, and in Scotland pride in Britain is only a little lower than the national average."

In specific areas, Ireland ranked first, while the United States — which was placed overall first — rated its country supreme in political influence, economic performance and scientific accomplishments, as well as the ability of the Pentagon's forces.

A majority of Austrians felt the world would be a better place if other countries were more like theirs.

## Cultural stars of Europe join elite academy

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN YUSTE, WESTERN SPAIN

EUROPE'S leading intellectuals and artists caught up yesterday with their political counterparts and launched their own European Academy to rival the Continent's national academies.

Peter Shaffer, the British playwright, and Italy's Umberto Eco were among the first five academicians to be accepted into an institution that will eventually boast 100 of Europe's brightest artists, scientists and intellectuals. The academy has its administrative base at the monastery built by Emperor Charles V in Yuste, western Spain.

Each of its 100 seats is being named after major historical

and cultural figures in Europe. The Shakespeare seat was one of the first five to be filled and is occupied by Reinhard Selten, the German economist and Nobel laureate. Other seats were named after Cervantes, Columbus, Plato and Cicero, José Saramago, the Portuguese writer, and Heinrich Rohrer, the Swiss physicist, were the two others appointed yesterday.

Academicians said they expected to meet sporadically to discuss Europe's cultural health and look for ways of promoting culture throughout the Continent. The academy will also give out research grants and an annual prize.

Shaffer, author of the Oscar-winning *Amadeus* and the play *Equus*, said he hoped the academy would not imitate the Académie Française, arbiter of what is right and wrong in the French language. "It should establish a counterforce to other enormous global cultures such as those in America and Asia but not work against them," he said. Among other things, he hoped it would encourage people in Britain to learn more languages.

Eco, author of *The Name of the Rose*, expounded a "sexual theory" to encourage cross-marriages between people from different European nations. The academy is currently funded by the government of Extremadura, an autonomous region of Spain. Academy officials said they planned to establish a network of 100 "academy cities" that would jointly take over the funding. Oxford and Cambridge were both named as cities that would be approached.

"We hope to raise the same sort of money that funds the Nobel Institute," said one of the founders of the academy, the anthropologist, José Antonio Jauregui, said.

Charles V retired to the monastery at Yuste to study and pray after abdicating in



Peter Shaffer, the British playwright and author of *Amadeus*, was accepted into the new European academy



Selten, occupies the Shakespeare seat



Eco, Charles V could inspire academicians

favour of his son, Phillip II, in 1556. The old monarch, who had ruled an empire that spread across Europe from Sicily to Flanders, died there two years later.

This year's academy prize of £60,000 was given to Wilfrid Martens, the former Belgian Prime Minister. A further £180,000 is to be distributed in

research grants. The academy's rules state that prizewinners must have "contributed to the improvement and general awareness of the cultural and historical values of Europe or to the unification of Europe."

Charles V, already old and infirm, took several months to reach Yuste after setting out

from The Netherlands. Once there, he swore that the only doors through which he would walk again would be the doors of death.

Umberto Eco said that academy members could turn to Charles V for inspiration. "He was a powerful man who gave it all up to come here for some peaceful contemplation."

The European Academy of Yuste is the brainchild of Professor Jauregui, educated at Oxford. "Our culture is the best thing we Europeans have and is something that, in many cases, cannot be equalled by others," he said.

"The academy is not about controlling culture, it is about spreading it."

### Prisoner swap for Israeli's remains

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

TWO more Israeli soldiers were killed in occupied south Lebanon yesterday hours before the start of a complex exchange of the remains of dead Jewish soldiers for the bodies of Muslim guerrillas and the release of Arab prisoners.

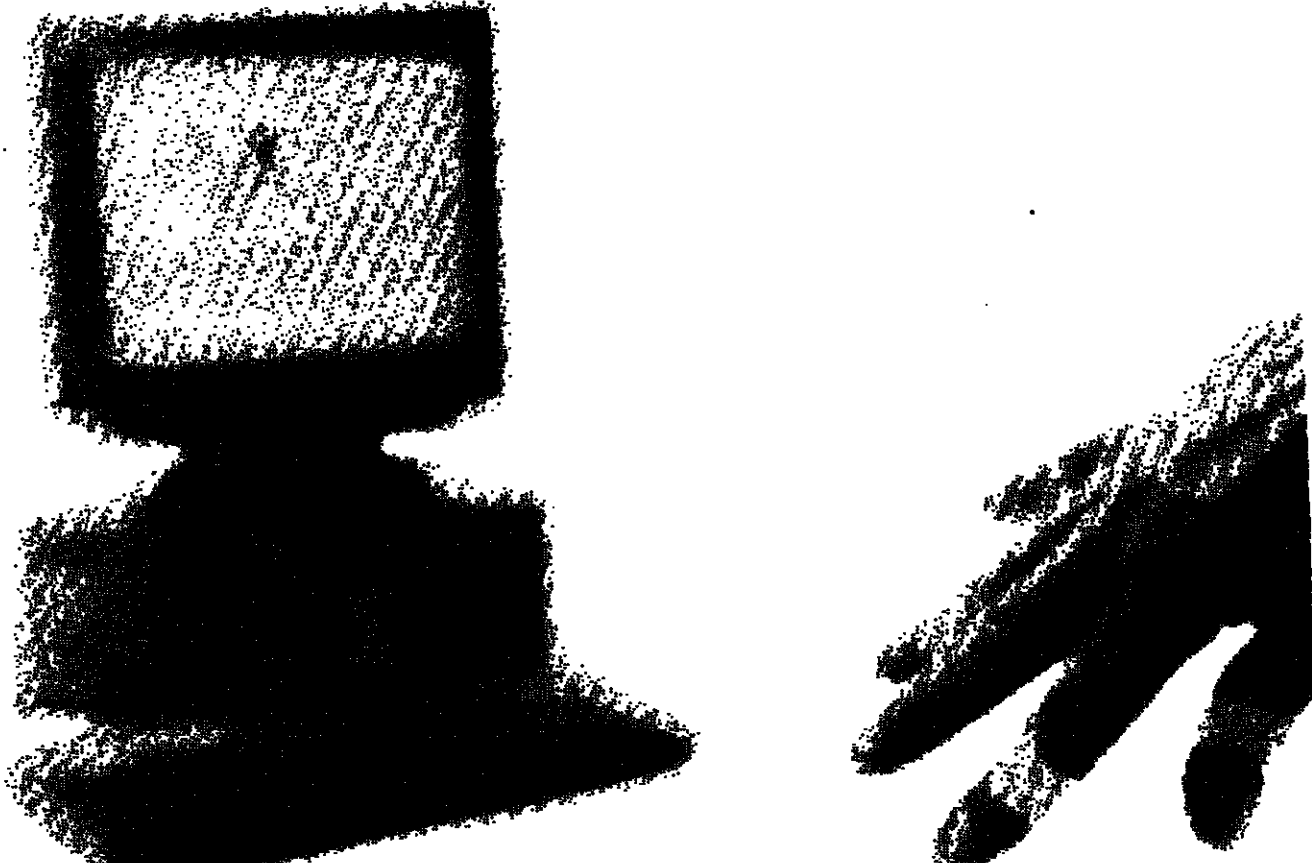
Under the deal, negotiated over nearly ten months, Israel had said that parts of the shattered body of the Israeli naval commando, Itamar Ily, 21, would be exchanged for the bodies of 40 Lebanese guerrillas and the release of 60 Lebanese prisoners.

But in a surprise addition to the deal as originally published, Hezbollah handed over to the Lebanese army what witnesses said were the remains of at least three dead Israeli soldiers consisting of five feet, three fingers, skin from a head, a jaw and bones. The remains were placed in a refrigerator in an army ambulance.

The terms of the exchange underlined the high price that Israel is always prepared to pay to ensure that its soldiers are buried in home soil. First Sergeant Ilya was killed with 11 other Israelis ambushed when their attempted undercover operation in Lebanon last September was leaked by an informer.

Israel said that yesterday's two roadside bombs which, in addition to killing one Israeli aged 20 and another aged 19, also wounded four others, would have no bearing on the swap. "There is a war here and war also has a human side," said Major-General Amiram Levine, Israel's overall commander in south Lebanon.

□ Hamas vow: Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder of Hamas, returned to Gaza from a four-month fund-raising tour in Arab and Muslim states with a pledge that "our holy struggle" will continue.



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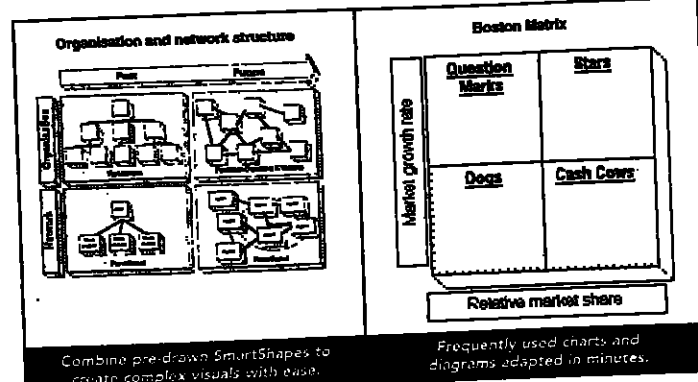
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# Mixed villages empty as Kosovo hatred spreads

AS THE frantic shuttle diplomacy of Richard Holbrooke, the American peacebroker, between Belgrade and Pristina continued yesterday, there were worrying signs that inter-communal fighting was spreading in Kosovo, and that the province was teetering on the brink of a Bosnian-style ethnic implosion.

Against a background of more villages emptying and Kosovo Liberation Army units making bolder forays into territories previously untouched by the fighting, Vojislav Seselj, the ultra-nationalist Serb Deputy Prime Minister, railed against American intervention, and claimed that Washington's aim was the "destruction of the Serbian people".

Mr Holbrooke and President Milosevic made no official statements, but when the American envoy emerged from their first round of talks, Mr Holbrooke said Kosovo was like the Wild West, adding that the province was "far more dangerous than Bosnia".

His remarks came as for the first time the conflict spread to villages south of the industrial town of Kosovo Mitrovica, some of the most ethnically mixed in the province, and there was ominously little sign of the KLA giving up any of the Serb hostages it has recently taken near the capital,

## Neighbour turns on neighbour in growing conflict, Tom Walker in Pantina reports

Pristina, as it prepares for a Serb backlash.

The village of Pantina, five miles south of Kosovo Mitrovica, lay eerily deserted after what local Albanians described as two nights of fighting with Serb civilians from a neighbouring village, Svinjare.

One elderly Albanian on the outskirts of the village broke down as he described how Serbs he had known for years threw him out of his house and burned his barn and foodstocks. "They were our neighbours for years and we've never done anything to them," he sobbed. "They have nothing to complain about."

He said the Serbs had forced all Albanians to leave Svinjare on Tuesday, and then had attacked Pantina on Wednesday night.

A younger man ferrying the elderly from the area said two Serb prisoners had been taken, and that a Serb house in

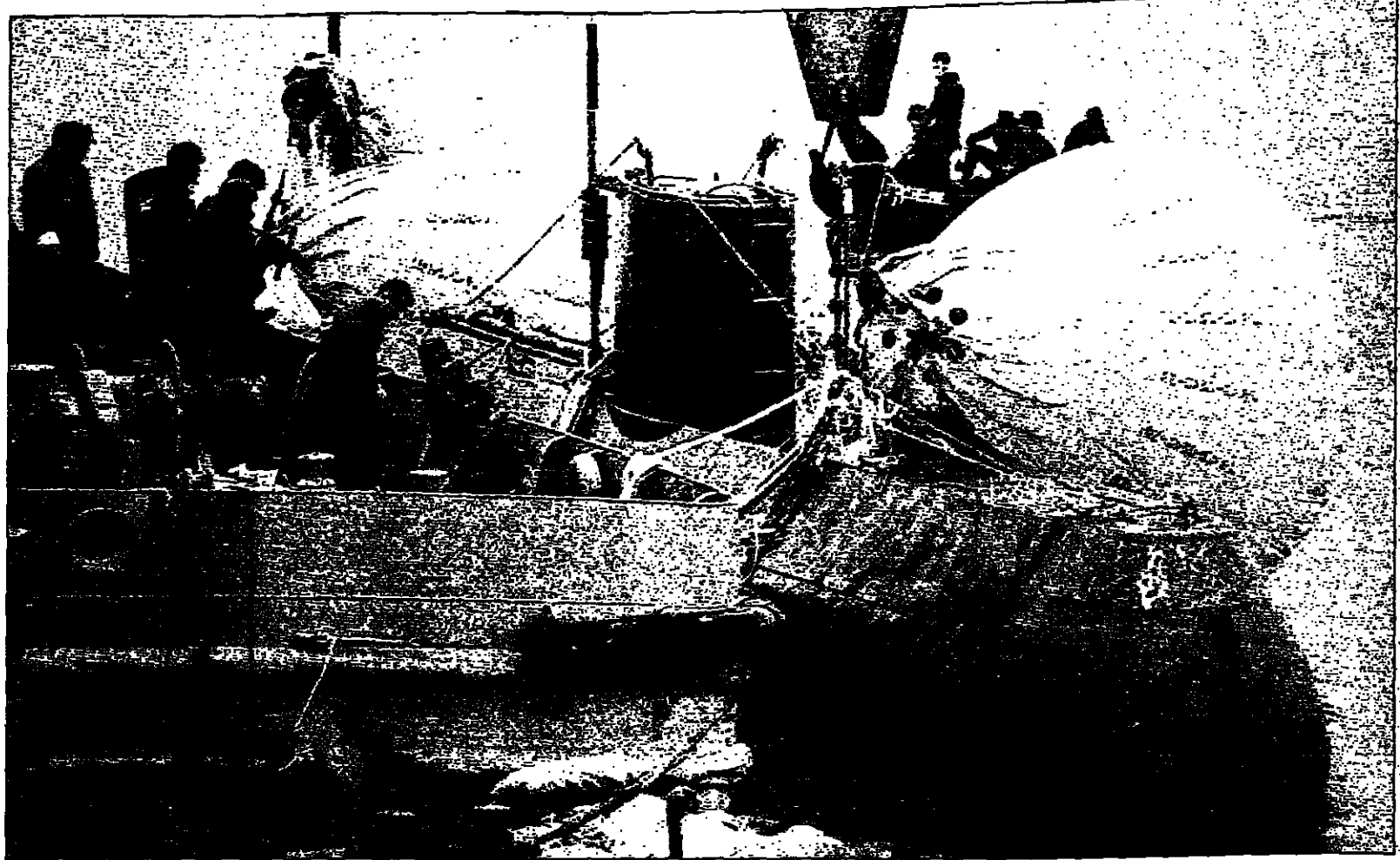
Pantina was surrounded by armed Albanians, who were backed by KLA units filtering in from the central Drenica region. The Democratic League for Kosovo claimed 2,000 Albanians had fled.

The Serb newspaper *Glas* gave a different version of events, claiming that the fighting had been started by Albanians. Continued shooting made journeying into Pantina hazardous, where a Serb house was burning. Albanians said 30 of their houses had been burned in Svinjare.

The Belgrade state press was surprisingly sober, for the first time dropping its universal "terrorist" label for the KLA. But Mr Seselj, a former Bosnian paramilitary leader, gave a swashbuckling press conference in which he advised Mr Milosevic never to talk to the American Administration.

In London, Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, said Moscow was on the verge of achieving a breakthrough in Kosovo after putting pressure on Yugoslavia to forgo the use of repression.

It was now up to the Kosovo Albanians to respond positively to the offer by Mr Milosevic to grant autonomy to its troubled province and bring the ethnic conflict to an end, Mr Primakov said.



South Korean special navy commandos work on the crippled submarine at Donghae after four airbags were used to lift her from the seabed

# North Koreans found dead in salvaged submarine

Donghae: Up to eight bodies were found lying in about a foot of water inside a suspected North Korean spy submarine yesterday after she was hauled ashore in South Korea. The search for survivors had been delayed amid fears of booby-traps.

The 82ft submarine was taken to a South Korean naval dockyard in Donghae yesterday after being raised 110ft from the seabed with the aid of four airbags. Navy officials who cut their way inside found two plastic

drink containers made in South Korea — suggesting the vessel was returning after dropping or picking up spies.

A fishing boat discovered the submarine foundering with her propeller and periscope entangled in nets about ten miles from Sokcho — northeast of Seoul and just south of the inter-Korean border — on Monday last week. She sank the next day when a tow-cable snapped and bad weather delayed salvage.

The vessel was found close to where

a much larger North Korean submarine ran aground in September 1996, triggering a 53-day manhunt for her 26 occupants that left 24 North Korean infiltrators and 13 South Koreans dead. One infiltrator was captured alive and another was missing and believed to have returned to the North.

The captured agent, Lee Kwang Su, brought in to help in yesterday's search, had given a warning that North Korean agents on spy or commando missions are usually

trained to blow up their craft and commit suicide before capture.

South Korean officials said the submarine, capable of carrying a crew of about seven, had to surface two or three times a day to replenish her oxygen supply.

North Korea has not commented but its official Korean Central News Agency said on Tuesday that a submarine had been "wrecked" on a training mission and the crew's fate was unknown. (Reuters. AP)

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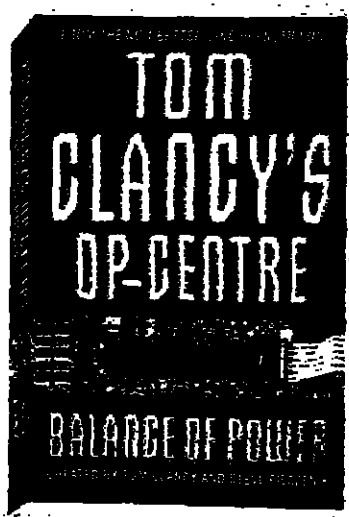
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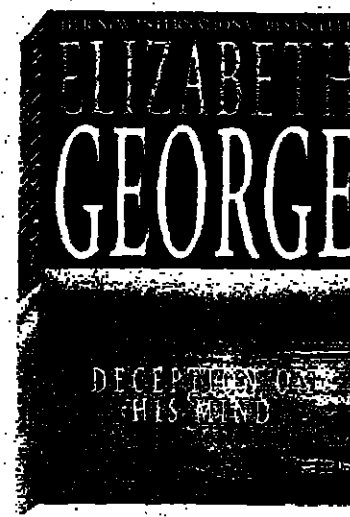
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## One Nation power bid thwarted

Brisbane: A Queensland politician elected to the state parliament said yesterday he would form an alliance with the opposition Labor Party to allow it to govern in the northern Australian state.

The move prevents Pauline Hanson's anti-immigration One Nation party, which scored 23 per cent of the vote in the June 13 poll and seized 11 seats, holding the balance of power in the 89-seat state parliament.

"I have formed the view that the Labor Party is best able to provide a stable government for the next three years," Peter Wellington, an independent, said.

Labor won 44 seats in the election, falling just one short of a majority. The National-Liberal coalition, which previously held power, won only 32 seats and would have needed One Nation support and the support of Mr Wellington and another independent to form a government. (Reuters)

## Iraq attacks Butler as sanctions stay

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

A PIG, mad dog and chameleon was how Iraqi newspapers described yesterday Richard Butler, the United Nations chief weapons inspector who has dashed Baghdad's hopes that eight-year-old trade sanctions would soon be lifted.

The embargo was renewed for another 60 days on Wednesday after Mr Butler presented evidence to the Security Council that Iraq had put lethal VX nerve gas into missile warheads before the 1991 Gulf War. The row has raised fears of another Gulf crisis four months after Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, averted American and British airstrikes against Iraq by persuading President Saddam Hussein to open presidential sites to UN inspectors.

"Mad Dog Butler is implementing American instructions very precisely, changing colour through his chameleon nature," said *Babel* newspaper. *Al-Thawra*, another

leading newspaper, ran a cartoon of a pig wearing a Stars and Stripes hat, giving birth to Mr Butler.

When he visited Iraq this month, Mr Butler had raised hopes that the embargo could be lifted in the autumn after both sides agreed to accelerate the verification process. But he was far more critical when he returned to UN headquarters. "He gave this fable about VX, and the American lie and distortion machine went into overdrive," *Babel*, owned by Saddam's son, Uday, said.

Iraq has acknowledged experimenting with VX, but denied being able to produce a stable enough agent to arm warheads. Iraqi television accused the US laboratory that found traces of VX on missile shards of planting the evidence. Mr Butler said that further testing by Switzerland and France would not invalidate the findings of the American laboratory.

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A roll of drums muffles human rights dispute.

Bronwen Maddox writes

IN FRONT of the ancient city walls of Xian, in a circle of stamping warriors lit by red lanterns, President Clinton praised China's history and potential, sidestepping the growing row over what may be the most controversial state visit of his presidency.

The intricate choreography of the hundred silk-gowned dancers was matched by the careful phrasing of his compliments at the start of a trip which has become a more precarious exercise in diplomacy than the Administration feared.

"There may be those here and back in America who wonder whether closer ties and deeper friendship between America and China are good. Clearly, the answer is yes," the President said.

The choice of 6,000-year-old Xian, China's ancient capital, as the start of the trip reflects the determination on both sides at least to begin in an atmosphere of harmony.

As the Clinton motorcade drew up, piped music played *Bridge over Troubled Water*, *Somewhere over the Rainbow* and *Rod Stewart's Sailing*, but was soon drowned out by 200 percussionists pounding on 4 ft-high drums.

Their tunics and baggy trousers, modelled on a thousand-year-old Tang dynasty costume, could have been taken for an early prototype of Hillary Clinton's powder-blue trouser suit, its formidable jacket reaching to the knee.

In his ten-minute address, Mr Clinton strove hard for the populist touch which underpins his appeal at home. Calling Xian "the heartland of the Chinese people", he said: "I was raised in the heartland of my country."

He ventured on to ideological ground only once, arguing that "respect for the worth, the dignity, the potential, and the freedom of every citizen" is essential for economic success. But it would have been hard for his hosts to find anything contentious in his final exhortation: "Let us give new mean-

ing to the words written in the ancient book of rites, what you call the Li Shi: 'When the Great Way is followed, all under heaven will be equal.'"

Together with Hillary Clinton and his daughter Chelsea, the President walked with Feng Xichu, the mayor, through the city's south gate into an emperor's fantasy world. Schoolchildren ran among helmeted, spear-carrying warriors as towering gold dragons reared up out of a reflecting pool.

Today's itinerary, which includes a visit to the famous terracotta warriors and a meeting with villagers nearby, will again be strong on ceremony and short on negotiation. Yesterday, White House aides were handing out photographs of the Clintons "to familiarise the villagers", urging them not to overdo their cleaning up, which threatened to remove every blade of straw from the courtyards.

But the success or embarrassment of this trip will stem from Mr Clinton's weekend in Beijing, beginning with his welcome in Tiananmen Square, and concluding on Sunday night with a private dinner with President Jiang Zemin.

The private talks threaded through the photo-opportunities will determine whether he can win enough tangible progress to outweigh criticism that he is giving too little weight to human rights.

Last night, the Administration's hopes that the talks would yield real progress on trade, missile sales, the environment or human rights were ebbing. An emergency mission this week to Beijing by James Steinberg, Deputy Assistant for National Security Affairs, appeared to have failed to win concessions on arms proliferation.

Charlene Barshefsky, the Trade Representative, has also indicated that China has not been willing to liberalise its markets enough to merit membership of the World Trade Organisation.



President and Mrs Clinton receive a red carpet welcome in Xian. Mr Clinton described the city as "the heartland of the Chinese people"

## Ghosts of Tiananmen victims haunt visit

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BEIJING

HOURS before the arrival of President Clinton in China last night, Beijing made it clear there would be no reassessment by Beijing of the most controversial issue surrounding his visit, the Tiananmen Square massacre of June 4, 1989.

"The Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese Government have made a correct historical conclusion on the political disturbance in Beijing in 1989," Tang Juoqiang, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, told a news conference. China insists that the student pro-democracy demonstrations were a "counter-revolutionary rebellion". Zhao Ziyang, the former

party leader unceremoniously removed from office on the eve of the 1989 crackdown, has asked party chiefs in a letter to admit the suppression was "a serious mistake".

The White House maintains it is imperative to move beyond the Tiananmen massacre and establish a strategic partnership between the US and China, an unsettling move for Taiwan, a long-time Washington ally. Beijing has put issues concerning the island, which it regards as a renegade province, at the top of its summit agenda.

Chinese leaders hope to persuade Washington not to support Taiwanese moves towards either independence or membership of the United Nations. They also want America to reduce sales

of hi-tech military equipment to Taiwan. The arrest of three political dissidents in the Xian area, where Mr Clinton arrived last night, and another in Chulin — also a stop on the nine-day visit taking in five cities — underlined China's nervousness. Dissidents and activists in other cities, such as Beijing and Shanghai, were put under increased surveillance and security was tightened for the US President's visit. In Shanghai, police checked foreigners' documentation in raids on restaurants and bars.

Beijing has dismissed criticism over its decision to bar three US government-funded Radio Free Asia journalists from the US-China summit, while allowing vocal right-wing critics such as American journalist William

F. Buckley in for the visit by the late President Nixon in 1972. President Clinton said barring the three radio journalists was "a big mistake".

"Buckley's situation and Radio Free Asia's situation are not the same, and because they are not the same we treat them differently," Mr Tang said.

Meanwhile, China's controlled official press gave little attention yesterday to the American leader's visit and his impending talks with President Jiang Zemin. The *People's Daily*, the official party newspaper, carried a small front-page picture of Mr Clinton, noting that he played the saxophone.

Three men were executed in southern China on Wednesday for the murder of an American engineer in March, court officials said.

The Justice Ministry says giving relatives notice would cause them "too much distress". Amnesty says 28 executions have been carried out in Japan since 1993 and criticises the practice of holding death-row inmates in solitary confinement for years and denying them access to lawyers and doctors during the week before their execution.

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## Japan accused over 'secret' hanging

FROM ROBERT WHYMAN IN TOKYO

JAPANESE authorities executed three death-row inmates yesterday and were attacked by rights campaigners for doing so in such a "highly secretive and cynical fashion".

One of two prisoners hanged at a jail in Fukuoka, southern Japan, was a 54-year-old man sentenced to death in 1990 for three murders committed in 1978. The other was a man of 66 convicted of murdering a robbery victim in 1980. In Tokyo, a man, also 66, was executed for a 1983 murder. These were the first hangings since last August when four convicts were executed on the same day.

Amnesty International's Japanese section condemned yesterday's executions as "extremely cruel". Japan routinely carries out the death penalty with stealth. The authorities neither give notice of nor confirm a hanging.

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# Experts who make nails to die for

**E**ugh," said Midge Kilen, of Amazing Nails, W1, recalling vividly as I put my hands on the daintily draped table between us. "You are a challenge." Well, I knew I wasn't about to embark on a second career as a hand model. But surely they aren't that bad. You must have seen worse, I say. "Mmm," said Midge, her client list including Naomi Campbell — keen on dark polish, apparently — and Ivana Trump — "the ultimate power nail". Then she rallied. You can see her mentally rolling up her sleeves and spitting on her hands. "We'll see what we can do," she says.

What we can do includes a staggering quantity of different unguents: oils for strengthening and softening and nourishing my sandpaper cuticles, and a bath of



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## CUTTING EDGE

JANE SHILLING

warm paraffin wax from which both hands emerged looking as though they belonged to the Creature from the Crypt. With the wax removed, and a bracing hand massage, and what's left of my nails shaped into elegant curves (I have a tendency to hack away at them with the scissors on my Swiss Army knife) I hardly recognised my hands.

"Now," said Midge, producing base coat, top coat, fast-drying sealer and a tasteful collection of unobtrusive pale pinks, "what colour do you want?" I didn't want unobtrusive pink, for a start. I wanted Gigabyte Green, or Virtual Violet, or Terminal Turquoise, or some other shade from the wilder fringes of Amazing Nails' range of 275 colours. I also wanted teeny little stick-on solid-gold hearts, 39p each. We settled on Brownie from the Summer 1998 collection, a mildly funky pinkish bronze, and I went skipping out of the studio with my bronze nails held out in front of me like precious artefacts from the British Museum.

I thought Midge was pretty awestruck, but she wasn't a patch on Robyn Opie of the Chelsea Nail Studio. If Mrs Opie were a headmistress, you imagine her girls would describe her as "firm but fair". She'd booked me in for a manicure with Claudia, who was a hoot. So there we were, Claudia and I, going through the business with the oils and the paraffin wax and nattering away like old friends, and Claudia, who used to be a jeweller, was just egging me on to go for the striking Prada Pink when Mrs Opie appeared and said, like General de Gaulle, "No!" "Why not?" I whined, wondering if

Rainbow time: with colours ranging from pale pink to vibrant violet there's a shade for everyone

she talks like this to Linda Evangelista and Demi Moore, whose nails she also does. "Because with hands as red as yours, you'll look as though your fingers are about to burst. Try Sunset Zizz," said Mrs O.

Sunset Zizz was a sort of frosted Joan Collins ruby. "I don't like it," I hissed to Claudia. "Nah, it's not you," said Claudia. "Doesn't suit you at all," said the incredibly elegant lady to my left. I must say, having a manicure is the girliest thing I have ever done. So we went for the pink, to which Claudia was just putting the finishing touches when Mrs O reappeared. I tried to sit on my hands. "Well," said Mrs O graciously, "it does look quite nice, after all."

Now, the thing about manicures is that they take quite a long time. You need to be a Lady Who Lunches, really. But at Barkers in Kensington, they have opened a Nail Bar where you can have a 20-minute manicure like the ones on every street corner in New York. A standard manicure, which is what I had, takes an hour and includes a hand massage, cuticle care, and no nonsense about unobtrusive pink. "What about a bright blue to go with the flowers on your dress?" says nice, calm Geraldine (who had, herself, the most beautiful nails imaginable). I emerged into High Street Ken with sapphire nails, thinking that this could turn into quite a habit.

From streamlined practicality at Barkers, to very grown-up luxury at the Elizabeth Arden Red Door

Salon in Mayfair, where a manicure with the Jessica range of products (also used by Barkers) includes cuticle treatment and a hand massage and costs £20. It takes place in surroundings of such womb-like luxury that you feel thoroughly disinclined to leave at all (for £165 you can, in fact, stay there all day). I left, reluctantly, with nails lacquered a deep raspberry pink of such astonishing sophistication that I could hardly believe they belonged to me.

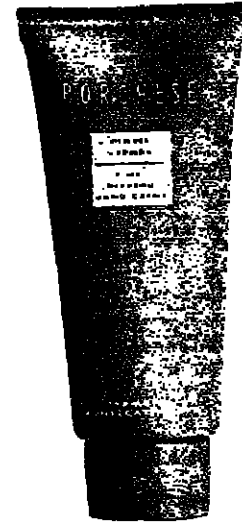
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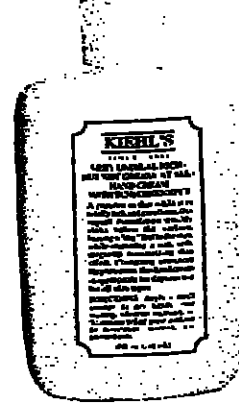
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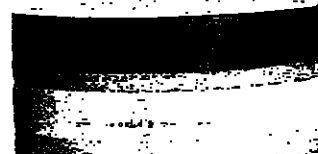
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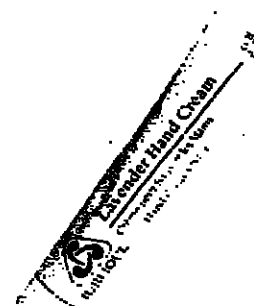
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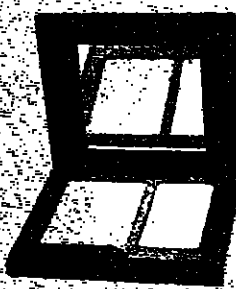
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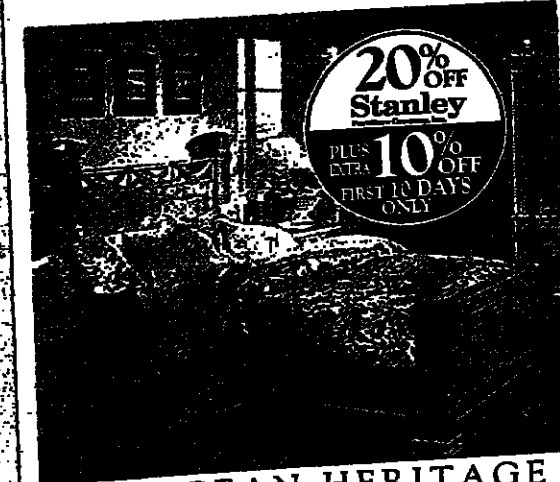
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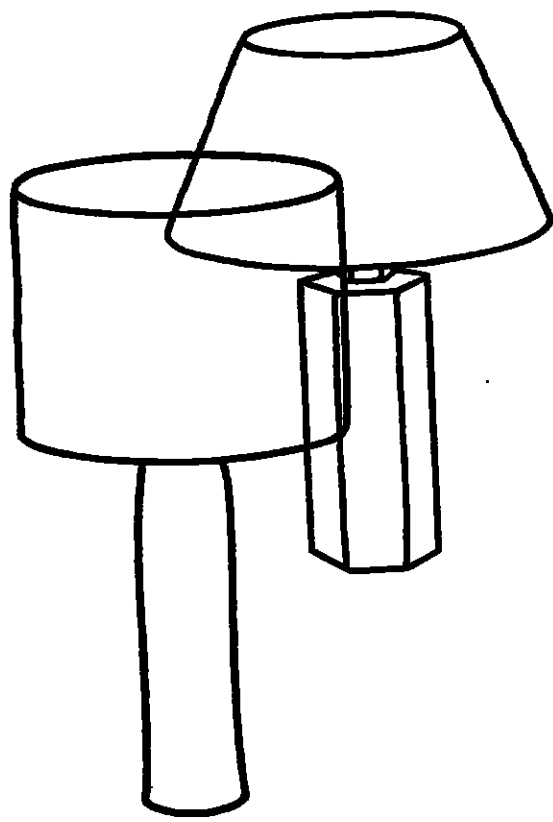
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# Mr Orwell, Mr Blair and the Red guru

### Daniel Johnson on a perilous vacancy in Downing Street

Is the Prime Minister a crypto-communist? Not quite, but he is the disciple of one. Tony Blair's first and most influential guru was, according to George Orwell, a Soviet "sympathiser". In the list of fellow-travellers he compiled for the Information Research Department, the Foreign Office's Cold War propaganda outfit, Orwell included the name of John Macmurray, then Professor of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh. The list was published this week as part of the new edition of Orwell's *Complete Works*, and already critics are picking over it. Orwell evidently did not see Macmurray as any sort of traitor, but rather as a "decayed liberal". His liberalism had decayed further by the time the young Blair fell under the philosopher's spell at Oxford, shortly before he died in 1976. Macmurray's brand of Christian socialism offered a critique of free market liberalism which Mr Blair still acknowledges as "very influential... what I'm all about".

vacant post of prime ministerial guru. Anthony Giddens, the Director of the London School of Economics, was feted as such in a *New Yorker* profile last year. He took a prominent part in the Blair-Clinton "Third Way" seminars. If Macmurray was a decayed liberal, Professor Giddens is a decayed Marxist. He makes much play of his concept of "late modernity", which sounds suspiciously like "late capitalism", a hardy perennial cultivated by Werner Sombart some 80 years ago. Sombart was the first socialist to hold a German chair, but after 1933 late capitalism turned out to be the prelude to early National Socialism. Late modernity — like the even hoarier third way — looks to me like another trope that will end as tripe.

The most mordant comment on Professor Giddens came from a far more distinguished sociologist, Viscount Runciman, whose indiscreet diary must have caused a few academic courtiers to choke over the chardonnay. "I can see why Giddens's recycled platitudes and woolly prescriptions appeal to Blairites," he noted, "but wonder why a Prime Minister who has got where he has by not being ideological needs a tame ideologist."

Lord Runciman was vindicated this week when the BBC announced that next year's Reith Lectures is to be Anthony Giddens — a blatant case of the corporation toadying to the Prime Minister. But Sir John Birt and Sir Christopher Bland may have miscalculated by bestowing their highest accolade on an *eminence grise* whom Mr Blair may now see as more grey than eminent. There is nobody quite so unfashionable as a guru past his sell-by date.

There are, of course, intellectuals to whom the Prime Minister turns on occasion, not for seminars — which are often more to flatter the participants than to enlighten Mr Blair — but for advice or backbone-stiffening. These are not gurus, but avuncular friends. Most of them are of an older generation. One such is Dr Eric Anderson, the former Head Master of Eton, now Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, and — most importantly — Tony Blair's favourite teacher at Fettes. Seniority precludes rivalry, and enables both sides to relax. Lord Jenkins of Hillhead enjoys a more cordial relationship with Mr Blair than with any previous Labour (or Liberal, or Social Democratic) leader.

But the limitations of such friendships are evident. Oxford University has not been saved from reform by its Chancellor's cosy chats at Downing Street. Prime Ministers can afford to keep their friends only as long as the latter do not influence them unduly — that is, become gurus. A guru, after all, is a late friend. Henry IV's closest friend was Thomas à Becket. When Becket became Archbishop of Canterbury, he signed his own death warrant. Better to be Mr Blair's friend than his turbulent guru.

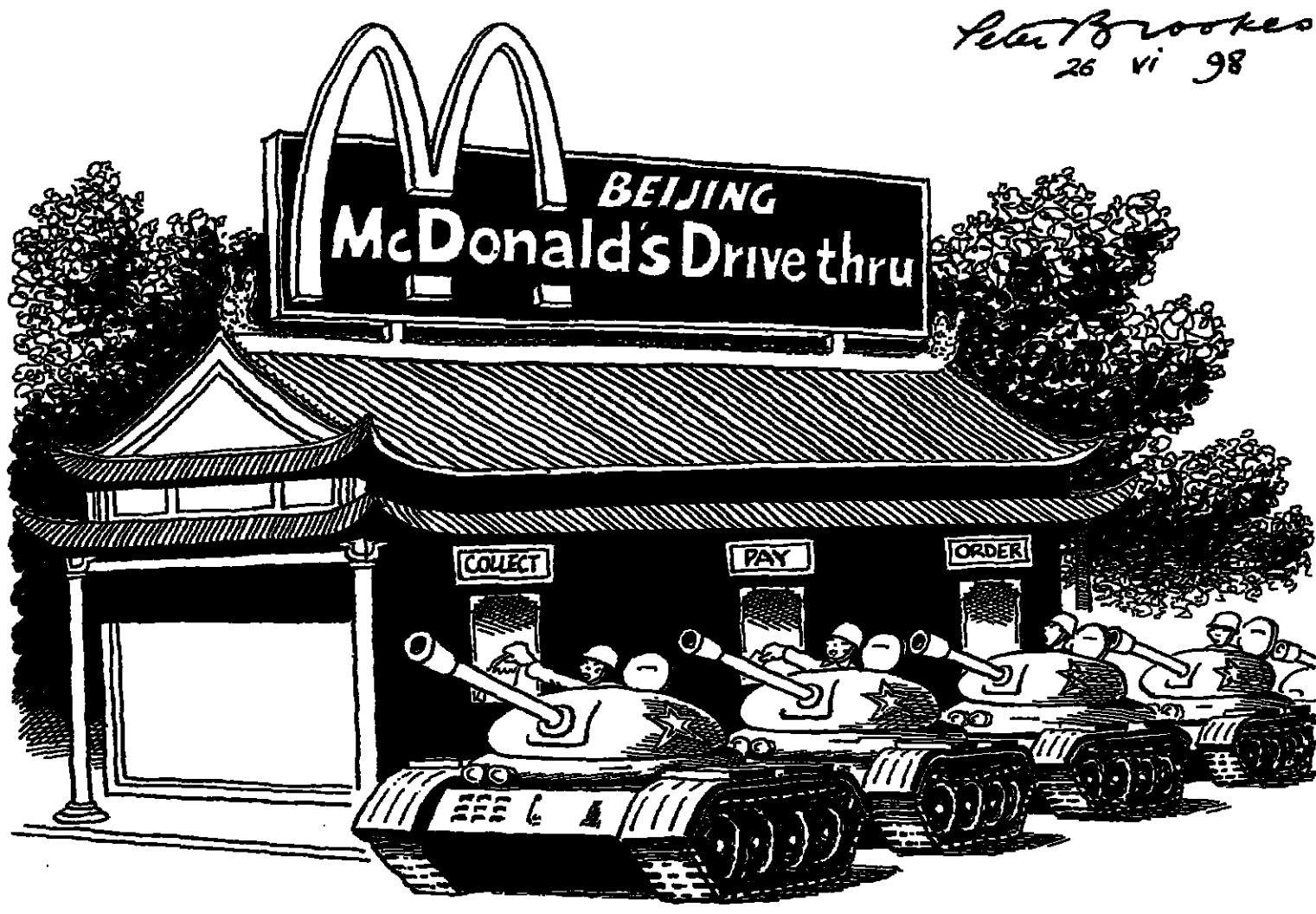
**There is nothing so passé as an out of date guru**

And yet I wonder. In Macmurray's most popular book, *Reason and Emotion* (1935), there is a chapter entitled "The Virtue of Chastity". By chastity he meant "emotional sincerity", not merely sexual continence; but he regarded most modern films and novels, for example, as unchaste. Sincere though the Prime Minister's personal convictions undoubtedly are, Macmurray's morality seems pretty remote from Mr Blair's support for lowering the homosexual age of consent to 16. I doubt whether the chaste professor would have approved of Chris Smith's cultural policies, either. But for a leader, part of the point of a guru is to ignore him (or worse) if he becomes a bore — as intellectuals have learnt the hard way, from Plato and Machiavelli to the useful idiots on Orwell's list. "It's a long time now since I read Macmurray," says Mr Blair. "But his books are still up on the shelves." Quite.

Is Tony Blair anyway the kind of politician who is fired by ideas and ideologies? He is surely no de Gaulle, whose friendship with Raymond Aron was a true intellectual passion: they fell out over the general's criticism of Israel, then made up again in May 1968.

Mr Blair seems far more of a practical, intuitive leader, as most of his predecessors in the Labour Party have been. Even on holiday, he does not read many books; he prefers to talk or play tennis. Compared with Gladstone, who read many hundreds of chunky Victorian volumes a year throughout his four premierships until his death exactly a century ago, this may seem a precipitate decline. But perhaps Mr Blair has realised that, as modern statesmen quickly become prisoners of their own doctrines, it is better to travel light. Once Margaret Thatcher believed in "Thatcherism", she was doomed.

None of this has prevented unofficial applications for the



## CONSTRUCTIVE ENGAGEMENT

# The Corridor of power

### Parliamentary committees are at last setting the Westminster agenda

As new Labour's control of the Commons chamber reaches an art form and interest ebbs away, the more solid rock of the committee system, long-established but partitioned, is beginning to break the surface and stand out.

We had become used to pooh-poohing the work of committees, mainly because they were over-puffed at the outset. The system as we now know it was established under the guidance of Norman St John Stevas in 1979, amid great hoop-la. This was the new politics! A different focus had arrived for scrutiny of the processes of government. Attention would shortly shift from the chamber to the Committee Corridor upstairs. Political careers would be made or broken (why, governments might even rise or fall) on the basis of quiet, untheatrical probing. Pantomime's days were numbered at Westminster.

"Oh yes," we thought. "Tell me another." In sweet Margaret Thatcher — Wicked Witch, White Queen or Widow Twankey, according to taste — the blue fairies cheered, the red fairies boomed, and 18 years of magnesium flash, dry ice and tape-recorded thunder began. Nobody noticed the committees much.

I was placed on one myself. Our Select Committee on Transport visited the Humber Bridge and decided something or other — probably that it was in debt. I only remember my name-placard constructed for our deliberations, in purple plastic, slotted on to a mahogany base. "Matthew Parris MP". My mother keeps it still.

In school and university, students were being solemnly advised that select committees were an important new feature in the modern British constitution. It did not feel like that. I learnt to be cynical of all views but the one which to me seemed incontrovertible: that the cockpit of our democracy was the floor of the Commons. Of course, valuable work did go on in committee, and there were select committees more important than my own: but throughout the 1980s, in the face of initial interest in the work of the new select committees, the habit of scepticism was not misplaced, and grew.

there, ministers are squirming there. Whitehall advice and competence is being tested there, government backbenchers are critical there, opposition MPs are able to insist on answers there, everyone seems more grown-up there.

On the floor of the House they are not. Committees feel important; the chamber does not. The pulse of the Administration is often better taken, now, where it throbs exposed in committee, than in set-piece clashes across the dispatch box. I believe the press is now sensing that new Labour's business managers may, by demeaning the chamber as they have, only finally divert the focally process into new channels. And maybe these channels are better suited to a modern Parliament's work?

For, contrary to the popular impression, the present Commons is not dead. The centre is a vacuum, but some of the bits round the edges have never been more active. This is life, captain, but not as we know it. Just take the last few days' political headlines. Few have come from the chamber.

Jeff Rooker, a struggling junior Agriculture Minister, has been slammed by MPs on the Agriculture Select Committee, over his efforts to ban Vitamin B6. The chairman of this committee is a Tory, but criticism has come from all sides. Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, is under investigation by the Standards and Privileges Committee (chaired by a Labour backbencher). The Public Accounts Committee has denounced the tendering process for the construction of the Skye Bridge, causing a huge row in Scotland. The Foreign Secretary is locked in a serious struggle with the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, which is demanding government documents he is refusing to hand over. Here, too, a Labour backbencher is chairman.

Clare Short has been attacked by the International Development Select Committee for her department's performance over Sudan. Among the most vociferous of her critics have

perhaps made my point: that committee work is helping to dictate the news agenda in politics. One of the reasons for this is that Government backbenchers feel emboldened by the non-party nature of select committee investigation, into tougher questioning or criticism of ministers than they dare venture in the chamber. It has always been true, of course, that a committee can get its teeth into an issue (or individual) in a way in which a formal Commons debate, or scatter-gun questions to ministers, never can.

The new element, however, is the interest now attaching to this. That is in large measure due to the transfer of attention away from an increasingly stilted and predictable chamber. Whips do attempt to rig and bully committees; but gingerly and behind-the-scenes. Because whips are so obviously offside when they do so, government backbenchers feel braver, and whips less able to insist.

The committee environment is kinder to opposition Members, too. The stale responses to which ministers, led by the Prime Minister, have become addicted in the chamber ("We are not going to take any lessons from an Opposition who, for 18 years..."; "that's pretty rich coming from an Opposition who [etc]..."; "Considering the mess we inherited, after 18 years [etc]"; "No I will not. But what I will tell the Hon Member is...") just don't work in committee. It is not unusual for figures already famous (such as Mr Kaufman) to attract political weight in committee too; but now it is becoming possible to make your reputation in the Committee Corridor. The Tories' Andrew Tyrie, a prominent tormentor of witnesses before the Public Administration Committee, is a case in point. A different breed of backbencher, with untheatrical skills — abilities more forensic than rhetorical — is becoming interesting to journalists.

None of this is earth-shattering. Perhaps, as the reality of embarrassment in committee dawns on Labour's image-merchants, their controlling instinct will reach tentacles out beyond the chamber and into the committee rooms upstairs, too. But, at least for the time being, visitors to the House who wish to see something of possible importance could do worse than stride straight past the chamber, and upstairs to the Committee Corridor.

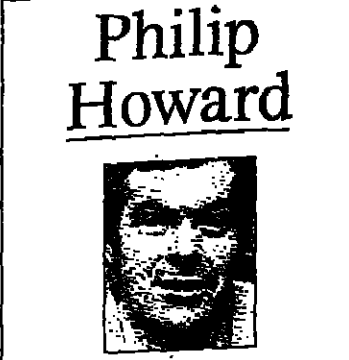
## Matthew Parris

been two Labour members of the committee. The Prime Minister's press secretary, Alastair Campbell, has faced inquisition, in public, by the Public Administration Committee. He survived, with a convincing and skilful performance, but has been, I believe, chastened (not to say frightened) by the experience. I watched this occasion. Campbell looked more nervous at the start than I have ever seen him. Rumour suggests he had spent much of the morning rehearsing: practising his answers to every possible question.

The Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office has been ripped apart by the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, over Sandline — and this week used the committee to attack the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Treasury over cuts in funding.

You may not think the future of allotments or the cost of the Lord Chancellor's furnishings are matters of high importance, but the work of select committees has raised both in public view. It was before the Public Administration Committee that Lord Irvine of Lairg made a fool of himself some time ago. And, as I write, the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee's report on allotments will attract more attention than any discussion of the question on the Commons floor could ever arouse. If anything can make allotments interesting then, you may count on it, a select committee will.

They have even interested us in Chris Smith's cultural hinterland. It is quite possible that this politician's career has been stalled or even wrecked by an attack two weeks ago from the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee, led in all-too-memorably belligerent style by a Labour backbencher, Gerald Kaufman. The same committee tore into the Royal Opera last year — an attack from which some fear it may never recover. Harrier Harman has been permanently damaged by her exposure to the Social Security Select Committee... And one could continue, but I have



## Philip Howard

**A small matter of life and death in Kensington Gardens**

Poppy was not meant to pup in the park. Nor does she understand alliteration. Poppy is the junior Jack Russell, granddaughter of the matriarch, Heather. By some rogue gene from her past, she came out brown and rough-haired, like a Border terrier with sawn-off legs but a less simian head. She was in pup to a black-and-white, smooth-haired and non-yapping Russell belonging to a shepherd above Dalmington. Because the sire was even smaller than her, conception had been managed only with the props of two bricks.

Poppy was not herself that morning. She kept on jumping up to tug the tail of my T-shirt, the equivalent of my repeatedly doing a standing high jump of 30ft. As we wheeled past the statue of Peter Pan, she seemed to go into canine labour. So I helped her into the pram and headed for home, fast. Tom, the two-year-old human being already in the pram, acted as ambulance nurse. This pram is not one of your snazzy modern models, some of them even streamlined racing three-wheeled for joggers. It is more than 70 years old, and has been doing the circuit of Kensington Gardens with the same family for four generations. It is a black battleship, with a hood and a foot extension, of the kind that Peter Pan's lost boys fell out of to give Barrie his plot. When a huge wheel falls off it, or a canopy strap bursts, the only man left in the world willing to repair such veteran nursery gear lives deep in Apache territory in Sarf Lunnon.

A passing jogger, seeing a large man pushing such a pram containing golden-red-haired Tom and a tiny Russell, shouted: "Nah I know the headline in the *News of the World* next Sunday — 'Mary Poppins is really a Feller.'" Tom is a creature of routine, like his pram-pusher. But realising that this was an emergency, Tom did not insist on our regular stops, such as Fee Fi Fo Fum around William Kent's temple (provided that no dossers are asleep there to be disturbed, like the lovers in the open air in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*), the Elfin Oak carved by Ivor Innes and re-gilded by Spike Milligan, and the dolphin drinking-spouts.

The emergency pram ambulance made it, just. Jamie, peering under an armchair, cried: "There's a puppy." And there sure was: a tiny little bitch the size of my thumb. She had smooth hair like the rest of her tribe (apart from her mother) and was beautifully marked, tan and black blotches on white. Dogs lack human understanding. But Poppy was proud and possessive of her strange new thing, holding it between her paws and licking it. She was willing to let well-known adults admire her puppy. But she growled at Tom, who adores dogs but is rough with them. Then came the incantation of a name. Shepherds call their colts after rivers, to bind them by magic to run fast and true to their calling. But Russells are too small to be river or even burn dogs, and Heather has set the yapping moorland pattern for her tribe of Bracken, Larch, Buttercup, Parsley and Moss.

But by the next morning, the puppy was no longer mewling and crawling, but panting and still. We made a frantic visit to the emergency vet. But the little thing slowly faded away. For the rest of the day Poppy held its tiny body between her forepaws in her maternity basket and licked it. Then we took it gently away from her and buried it, wrapped in Black Watch tartan. Poppy is still looking for it. But mercifully the memory-span of other animals is even shorter than that of humans. She will forget it in the same way that after a few days ewes forget their lambs when they are spanned. But the bleating on spanning night is terrible. Poppy's distress is still pitiful.

So this morning the old pram and Tom and the tiny Russell mother looking anxiously for something will set off for their tour of the park at dawn. All around the roar of the city sounds continual change. But the parks run to the older natural rhythm of the seasons — birth, death, and rebirth. Here June comes round again with its ducklings and foxgloves and the familiar visitors of high summer. God willing, these things will still be coming back a millennium from now. For the natural messages of the park are eternal and run deeper than any mawkish and ephemeral cult. And that is why nobody should destroy Kensington Gardens.

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## Reggae girl

DIANE ABBOTT might have failed the football test, thus risking a lashing from Lord Tebbit. The fiery Labour MP (pictured left) has been in France for the World Cup, not to cheer on Glenn Hoddle (right) and the lads, but to support Jamaica. She was sighted with friends on the terraces in Paris on Sunday, draped in a Rasta scarf, dancing and cheering. Despite this fervent support, Argentina thrashed the Reggae Boys 5-0, sending Jamaica home from the tournament early. It was typically maverick behaviour by Ms Abbott.

Tebbit sparked fierce debate when he talked of a "cricket test", whereby Britons who backed West Indies, India or Pakistan against England in Test matches were branded disloyal.

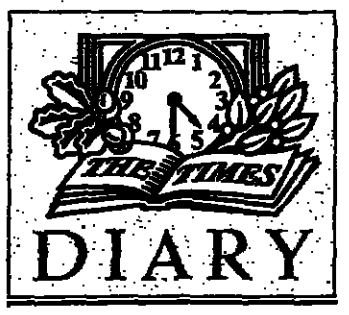
While Tony Blair has little time for such reactionary observations, he might nevertheless be surprised that a long-serving MP should have gone to France at all. He ordered his troops to follow the tournament on television, thus avoiding bad publicity about Labour politicians living it up and grabbing sought-after tickets. Downing Street is curious, but says she will only be in trouble if she received free hospitality.



moral standing. Nancy Mitford, who retreated to her "hon's cupboard" would not have approved.

## Doorstepped

MY sympathy to David Yelland, the new Editor of *The Sun*, who has caused consternation in Downing Street by attacking Tony Blair's creeping Europhilia. There he was, enjoying a jolly party on a fine summer's evening in a vast marquee at the Hampstead house of the novelist Sally Emerson



and the Editor of this parish. Drinking champagne, he mingled with Richard Branson, Norman Lamont, Lord Owen and sundry swells. "Ah, to be a newspaper editor," he must have sighed. Then suddenly the poor chap found himself surrounded by Peter Mandelson and Alastair Campbell, those two dark masters of spin. The minister was particularly bracing, advising Yelland that he might regret his decision. Yelland, I am pleased to report, stood firm: to the approval of a happy congregation, looking forward to a more robust Fleet Street.

THE Rolling Stones, who cancelled their British tour in protest at Gordon Brown's tax laws, have hit upon a solution: playing the Isle of Man, which takes a softer approach to financial matters. "We are discussing it with them at

the moment," confirms a Marx official. Fans would be flown over, and either bussed up to Jurby airfield in the north, or ferried to the capital, Douglas, to catch the Stones before they slope back to the financial comfort of America.

## Bob to boogie

THE nation's top flat racehorse owner and gambling man Robert Sangster has set his sights on becoming a major shareholder in that magnet for the Krug and toupée set, Trump. The Jermyn Street pinstrip for such serious sorts as Madonna, Prince, Jack Nicholson, Joan Collins, Clint Eastwood.



Michael Caine and Rod Stewart has been packing them in for nearly 30 years. It was where Prince Andrew spent his first date with Koo Stark and is still a haunt of Sangster's children. Despite the dim lighting, the joint could do with a facelift.

Founded by bon viveur Johnny Gold, Bill Omer and Jackie Collins's late husband Oscar Lerman, the club has been looking for a big-spending investor. And they don't come much bigger than Sangster, the pools heir. Think I shall keep my gold sovereigns locked in the vault at Diary Towers, however.

LABOUR's controversial purge of the last Government's spinners is complete. Romola Christopher, the Department of Health's respected media chief, is retiring after 12 years in the department. Every ministry now has a Labour placeman. So what does the old girl think of the new regime? "Different age, different time." The lady's a diplomat.

## Fax of life

LOVE in a new climate. The delightful film actress Jane Seymour (pictured) is considering publishing a book of "love faxes", sent during her "intense, difficult and passionate" courtship with James



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## ORDER AGAINST FRANCE

Paris must heed the law from the European Court

The mills of the European Court of Justice grind slow, and nowhere slower than in its Court of First Instance, which deals with competition and state aids to ailing industries. In 1994 British Airways and other commercial carriers brought suit against the European Commission for approving a £2 billion government bailout for Air France. This gave it an unfair competitive advantage against companies which have to rely on open markets for capital. Despite the acknowledged importance of this case as a test of the permissibility of state subsidies in the EU single market, it has taken the unacceptable period of four years to obtain judgment. But the court has finally delivered, in theory at least, a condemnation of the subsidy decision which is a resounding victory for fair competition in free markets. Theory must now be translated into practice.

The Commission should be rejoicing in this defeat. It can only help Karel Van Miert, who handles the politically charged competition portfolio with creditable rigour, and Neil Kinnock, the EU Transport Commissioner. But much depends on how Brussels decides to handle a ruling which regrettably was confined to the precise legal basis for the subsidy, rather than the substance of its acceptability. The judgment cancels the 1994 approval. It is open to Brussels simply to accept the decision and order Air France to repay the money. But because of the nature of the ruling, the Commission could also return to the court with fresh, legally acceptable arguments retrospectively justifying its original decision. That, predictably, is what both France and Air France are demanding.

Brussels is expected to oblige. The informal explanation is likely to be that this judgment is a "blast from the past", that the days of massive subsidies to dinosaur carriers such as Alitalia, Iberia and Air France are gone and that it would be counter-productive to "sabotage" Air France's commercial recovery and its strategy for partial privatisation. But the underlying reason

would be that, under the smokescreen of subsidiarity, the French and German governments have lately been hammering the Commission for "interfering" with their habit of pouring taxpayers' money into ailing industries. Brussels is understandably nervous about stoking the fire.

Yet if the Commission does take the line of least resistance, it will be bad news for Europe. This case is not just about Air France; it is about weaknesses in an approval system which is so heavily influenced by political pressures that despite Mr Van Miert's best efforts, distorting dollops of public cash now prop up failing companies and sectors in the EU to the tune of £40 billion a year.

Britain, despite yesterday's suspect coal deal, is one of the few almost entirely subsidy-free zones: France and Germany are serial offenders. And confrontation with those two Governments goes completely against the grain of EU culture. Last month, against its better judgment, Brussels was arm-wrestled into sanctioning yet another £15 billion "rescue package" for France's hideously mismanaged Crédit Lyonnais. This month, it knuckled under to Germany, giving permission for a DM10.4 billion cash-float for its uncompetitive coal industry on the basis that help was needed to solve "social and regional problems".

These subsidies are bad for European competitiveness, bad for businesses that play by the market rules and, because they distort patterns of investment, bad for jobs. All this Mr Van Miert and his colleagues know well. That is why they have proposed new powers to inspect companies they suspect of abusing the rules on state aid, and to force immediate repayment of illegal subsidies without the recourse to national courts which is currently allowed in several EU countries, including Germany and France. The Air France ruling is their chance to declare the party over. This would mean war — but it would be a war in the cause of prosperity, justice and common sense.

## A RAM AT THE TEMPLE

Lord Irvine is right to end the Bar's privileges

Although he may have tried on Cardinal Wolsey's hat for size, Margaret Thatcher's may make a better fit for Lord Irvine of Lairg. The Lord Chancellor's announcement that the Government plans to end the Bar's effective monopoly on rights of audience in the higher courts is radicalism of which she might have been proud. It certainly goes further than any of her own appointees to the Woolfsack dared. Although Lord Mackay of Clashfern was inclined towards reform he flinched as he grasped the thistle. Lord Irvine has shown greater boldness in rooting out the restrictive practices that have sprung in the precincts of the Inns of Court.

New Labour's more enthusiastic advocates are fond of arguing what has become known as the "Nixon in China" thesis. They hold that just as only a Cold Warrior could effect a rapprochement with Red China, so only the Left can reform the public sector. Whatever the truth of the proposition in other areas, it seems to hold strongly in law reform. A Government led by lawyers is bringing a broom to the stables that its most talented ministers know inside out.

The right to act in a particular court is more than a matter of prestige for one wing of the legal profession. It affects the cost and quality of justice. At present, the effective monopoly enjoyed by barristers in the higher courts means that litigants must first instruct their solicitor and then have him instruct a barrister. This division of labour duplicates work, multiplies costs and can operate against the public interest.

Lord Mackay tried to blow these Byzantine walls down in 1990. But the legislation did not make it easy for solicitors to enjoy advocacy rights in higher courts and only 624 solicitors out of 70,000 leapt the Bar's defensive ramparts. Now Lord Irvine has taken a battering ram to the Temple. All

qualified lawyers, whether solicitors, independent barristers, or those on salaries will have the same rights of audience.

Purist free-marketeters would ask why rights should be restricted to lawyers at all, and allow any litigant to choose any advocate. But the Government, wisely, accepts that the adversarial nature of British justice means that advocates owe duties both to the court and their clients. Judges are not permitted to test cases in the manner of investigating magistrates. Poor advocacy can lead to delay and unnecessary appeals. A minimum of legal training is required for any advocate, excepting the right of an individual to defend himself. But the Government is right to assert that the Bar has nowhere near a monopoly of expertise to go with its near-monopoly of access.

The Bar claims that independence, experience and quality can best be preserved by restricting rights of audience to those of their number who are self-employed. But, in practice, the many barristers who depend on keeping a small pool of solicitors and clients happy are no more independent than any employee of a legal firm or the Crown Prosecution Service. When it comes to experience, surely the potential for solicitors and CPS lawyers to practise in more courts will make those paths more attractive for lawyers, and thus broaden the pool of expertise across the profession? As for quality, are the skills nurtured at the Bar so delicate that they cannot withstand the competition of those who do not enjoy the sequestered peace of their own chambers?

Lord Irvine may be seen by his profession as Iain Macleod was by the Tory party, too clever by half and insufficiently respectful of tradition. But he should be celebrated outside the Inns for allowing a welcome wind to gust through the cloisters.

## BOOKS DO FURNISH A TOWER

A royal visit to a favourite creative place

The librarian had every cause to be nervous. Although the Queen may be more enthusiastic about bloodlines than about books, yesterday she was to visit the bequest of her most bookish of ancestors. The King's Library has taken pride of place at the heart of the British Library since 1823 when George IV presented his father's collection to the nation. And among all the rows about over-riding and secret-policemen's architecture at the new library, there has also been a fierce fuss about how the King's bequest, his "favourite and pet creation" in the words of Thomas de Quincey, was to be displayed.

Since 1827 it has been housed in the British Museum in a gallery especially designed for it by Robert Smirke. Resplendent with brass railings, glazed bookcases, panelled ceilings and oak flooring inlaid with mahogany, this was considered one of the finest library rooms in the world. When it was first announced that the King's Library was to be moved to its new premises, critics complained that history would be dismantled.

The Queen herself, who has given treasures of her own to the British Library including the original signed music sheets of Handel's *Messiah*, hailed the controversial contemporary architecture as "remarkable". She seemed reassured to find her forbear's historic collection still prominent at the heart

of Britain's national library. The young George III received a broad and thorough education, developing wide cultural interests and, though not exactly an intellectual himself, a lifelong reverence for scholarship. Advised on the purchase of books by Samuel Johnson, he understood the desirability of systematic acquisition, of careful conservation and scholarly access.

In 1762 he purchased and donated to the British Museum the *Thomason Tracts*, a collection of Civil War pamphlets. Meanwhile, represented by agents at all the major London book sales, he was building up a private library; this included the classics bound in fine white vellum, works dispersed from Jesuit libraries after the suppression of the order by Pope Clement XIV, a first edition of *Canterbury Tales* and some 20 volumes printed by Caxton including the only existing perfect copy of Aesop's *Fables*.

Now the collection sits in a dramatic glass tower that forms a transparent spine for the building. The King's Library will be readily seen, admirably preserved, well protected from thieves and yet more swiftly accessible to scholars. This would have pleased George III. His collection may have been "both larger and finer than any like Collection made by any one man", but it was also intended to be a working library.

## Barristers' choices in the 'cab-rank'

From the Reverend John Camp

Sir, Of course no one has any doubts about the integrity of Lord Neill of Bladen, QC, chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, who has now decided not to defend Dame Shirley Porter against allegations of misuse of her position as Lord Mayor of Westminster (report, June 24). There are, however, serious questions to be asked about the reality of the barristers' "cab-rank" doctrine which he prayed in aid against criticism of his original decision to act for her.

When I was at the Bar, clerks got rid of unwelcome cases by quoting ludicrous fees. Moreover, a solicitor who wanted to instruct a barrister who was unsympathetic to the case — an MFH asked to act for hunt saboteurs, for example — might well be told that the barrister was less likely to perform well than someone else who had no such objections. I dare say these practices continue.

In any case, barristers, especially those as senior as Lord Neill, former Warden of All Souls College, Oxford, and former Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, are not available for anyone who wants to instruct them, but only for those who can afford to do so.

It is not so much a cab-rank as a waiting-list for a new Rolls-Royce. Most people are not rich enough even to join the queue. Some, on the other hand, are so rich that they can push themselves to the front.

The cab-rank principle has never been absolute. It is unacceptable for a barrister to act where there is, or might be, a conflict of interest. When I was a health authority chairman, I felt that I had to decline to act against another health authority in the same NHS region. I trust that this was in accordance with the Bar Council's code of conduct.

I am sorry that Lord Neill, for whom I continue to have the greatest possible respect, should have found himself in a position where his duty as a barrister appeared to conflict with his position as an independent chairman of a vitally important public body.

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From Mr Robert Shaw

Sir, The only mistake Lord Neill made was in thinking that he would be dealt with reasonably by MPs and the press.

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## Library tales

From Mr Nigel Sloan

Sir, Historians, scholars, bibliophiles — and perhaps those seeking shelter from the summer heat — will be grateful forever to Lord St John of Fawsley for his letter to you of June 2, 1998, which provides a definitive account of the origins of the new British Library.

It is now quite clear that without the decisive intervention of the then Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the new Library would not have come into being. It is remarkable that this Prime Minister, faced with unique problems of a troubled economy and the Cold War, was prepared to devote three and a half hours at the height of a working day reviewing this project with Lord St John and other ministers. Further, it is apparent that when Lord St John finally clarified the issues Mrs Thatcher, as First Lord of the Treasury, intervened dramatically to make the necessary finance available.

Lord St John does not exactly say so — but the natural corollary to his letter is that Lady Thatcher's role in this project should be recognised. A statue of a bearded Mrs T, outside the Library, would be most appropriate; but a large portrait of our former PM, hung inside, would also do very well. Either could be unveiled by the Chairman of the Royal Fine Arts Commission — Lord St John of Fawsley.

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## The cost of music

From the Reverend D. Chamberlain

Sir, Today we read that the Royal Opera House needs an extra £15 million a year in government subsidy in order to remain solvent when it reopens following its multi-million-pound refurbishment.

In April 1998, Norfolk County Council cut the final £168,000 subsidy from Schools Instrumental Teaching with immediate effect, thus jeopardising peripatetic music tuition in hundreds of local schools, threatening the existence of up to twenty area music ensembles, and putting the livelihoods of dedicated, professional music teachers at risk.

What price accessible arts?  
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## Home Secretary defends Government on civil liberties

From the Home Secretary

Sir, Michael Gove (Jack Straw, the law and 1984", June 23) invokes George Orwell in an extravagant attempt to prove that ministers are, in his words, "trampling freedoms underfoot". Yet, with an ironic twist which Orwell himself would have been proud of, his attack on the Government for undermining civil liberties appears in the very same issue that reports (News in Brief, "Straw acts to restrict press 'gagging orders'") our new measures to strengthen press freedom in the Human Rights Bill.

That Bill will, for the first time, enshrine in English law the European Convention on Human Rights. It will significantly enhance the civil liberties of British citizens and, according to Liberty, it represents the "most important human rights reform" since the war. Amazingly, Mr Gove fails even to mention its existence.

He accuses me of crushing "one of the sacred principles of British justice" by proposing indeterminate custodial sentences for serious sex offenders. But he should know that indeterminate sentences — life sentences — have

been a feature of our system for many years. The public's safety must require that certain very serious offenders should only be released after a proper assessment of the risk they pose.

Mr Gove also believes it is wrong for racist crimes to be punished more severely than non-racist offences. I profoundly disagree. Our courts already take the view that racial motivation will result in an increased sentence for the offender. What makes racist violence so horrendous is that it is not only a physical attack on the individual victim but an attack on the liberties and rights of a particular racial group as a whole. Such sentences will send out a clear message that as a society we cannot tolerate the bigotry and prejudice which inspires such acts.

Finally, Mr Gove argues that measures to combat football hooligans endanger their civil liberties. But again, he appears to be labouring under a crucial misapprehension of the facts. I, as Home Secretary, have no powers to control the movements of British citizens. It is the courts which have the power to impose restriction orders on those convicted of football-related

crimes, and rightly so.

Mr Gove falls into a trap which Orwell always avoided, namely, reaching a conclusion before finding an argument.

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From Professor Harry G. Gelber

Sir, More power to Mr Gove's quill, when it comes to columns like his stout defence of liberty and law, even for hooligans et al. Why do we not see much, much more of such views?

I wonder whether you might not sometime consider who, or which group (even the Tories?), ought to be well placed to resist the steady drip of debased populism. Is there a Pym, or a Hampden, somewhere out there?

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## Single currency and public opinion

From Mr M. R. Warren

Sir, Many businessmen believe that Britain will be effectively "in the euro" shortly because continental sellers will be demanding payment in that currency.

Recent Gallup polls show a clear majority against our adopting the euro (letters, June 22). If democratic principles are to be followed (are they?) how can these two positions be reconciled?

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From Mr David Pollard

Sir, Stephen Woodard of the European Movement argues (letter, June 19) that "the stability pact does not stop governments setting their own tax and spending policies".

Perhaps not, but it is naive or disingenuous to suggest that this is not the intention, nor the likely, or even inevitable, outcome. The treaty texts are clear. For example:

The Council shall... adopt provisions for the harmonization of legislation concerning turnover taxes, excise duties and other forms of indirect taxation... (Article 17, Single European Act, 1986)

and  
Member states shall regard their economic policies as a matter of common concern and shall co-ordinate them... (Article 103, Treaty on European Union, Maastricht, 1992)

Economic considerations aside, for it is clear that without the automatic adjustment that exchange rates provide there will be strong pressure to balance taxes, the move to "harmonized" taxation and spending has

## NatWest Art Prize

From Mr Harry Bott

Sir, I have for some time wondered how it is that apparently intelligent individuals can have faith in projects as patently unviable and transparently hollow as the single currency and a federal Europe.

The publication on your back page (June 17) of Callum Innes's winning entry for the NatWest Art Prize clarifies the matter: some people are blessed with wonderful imagination.

The painting might bring some credit to a lad of modest ability after the first fortnight of an NVQ house-decorating course. However, Richard Cork ("Canvassing our brightest talent", Arts, same day) sees his "horizontal oblong of sheer black, asserting its presence with an almost sculptural solidity", and so on.

Others with equal visionary power

## Beer prices

From Mr David Grundy

Sir, Each Friday afternoon a friend and I take turns to drive to various Hertfordshire public houses. Yesterday was my turn behind the wheel. A bottle of well-known non-alcoholic beer in a privately owned inn cost 95p — expensive but tolerable and assuredly the proprietor was making an acceptable profit. The next establishment to be visited was owned by one of the nationals where the identical drink cost £1.65 (their own brand of low-alcohol beer was £1.20).

The days of enforced manufacturers' recommended prices are long gone but, in the interest of safe driving, surely something should be done about this iniquitous practice. It is enough to drive one to drink.

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been pressed as hard as public opinion will allow since the inception of the Common Market.

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From Mr John Szemerey

Sir, Is this the time for Britain to take the lead in Europe — at least in getting the European Union to adopt a uniform election system for the European Parliament?

The Treaty of Rome stipulates that MEPs should be elected "by direct universal suffrage in accordance with a uniform procedure in all Member States". This has never happened. Each state has used its own electoral system, so that some MEPs are more democratically representative than others.

Britain has decided on a form of proportional representation for next year's European Parliament elections. It is therefore well placed to propose that other EU countries should also take a step towards a uniform procedure. They should replace their sometimes very undemocratic forms of PR (eg, national lists, as in France and The Netherlands) by a more democratic form based on regions and regional lists.

Britain now has the moral authority to make such a proposition. It would be great if it had the courage to do so.

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have no difficulty in believing that M Chirac is our guardian angel, and Herr Kohl the fairy on the Christmas tree.

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From Mr Edward McWilliams

Sir, Callum Innes, whose winning entry for the NatWest Art Prize was four oblong blobs of paint set at right angles, is described by Richard Cork as "one of the most widely admired painters of his generation".

This speaks volumes for the ludicrous state of so-called art today.

Yours sincerely,  
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## Stating the obvious

From Mr K. M. Marks

Sir, As a former beak I cannot help thinking that your headline today (earlier editions), "Teachers face ban on sex with pupils", is of the "Bishops face ban on wife-swapping" or "Old Etonians face ban on living in council estates", variety: a trifle unnecessary.

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## Bad manners at Lord's

From Mr David G. Fraser

Sir, The assertion by Judge Bradbury (letter, June 24) that the occupiers of the Grandstand boxes contribute to the dislike felt by English cricketers for playing at Lord's would seem to overlook that these boxes were in use for the very first time.

Recent results indicate that English cricketers dislike playing Test matches anywhere.

Yours faithfully,  
DAVID G. FRASER,  
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West Sussex BN16 1AZ.  
June 24.

## Smooth men

From Mrs Jane Cooper

Sir, The answer to Mr Beth Bain's query (letter, June 23; see also letters, June 22 and 24) about whether men can iron and watch the World Cup is — most certainly.

My husband reckons that American football is best for ironing with lots of boring bits between the bursts of action. However, during yesterday's England match he managed to get through all three loads of washing which the day's breezy sunshine had allowed me to dry.

I am not sure if this is a reliable indicator of the quality of the match or merely a demonstration of speed increasing with practice.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 23.

From Mr Simon Mighall

Sir, During England's match on Monday my wife had no trouble in ironing and watching the match, or so it seemed from my vantage point on a reclining chair.

Yours etc,  
SIMON MIGHALL,  
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June 24.

From Mr Joe Dunne

Sir, The trick (as with the cricket) is to turn down the sound on the television and put the radio commentary on. Anything important missed while ironing round the buttons, doing plants, etc, is invariably subject to a replay.

Yours faithfully,  
JOE DUNNE,  
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June 23.

From Mr Richard Wrigley

Sir, The answer to Mrs Bain's question is yes. The offer and completion of the ironing during World Cup games is a successful tactic in gaining full access to the TV without argument. One word of warning — ball watching can have dire consequences.

Regards,  
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June 23.

From Mr James R. Hooke

Sir, Scotland 0, Morocco 3, shirts 4, sheets 2, pillowcases 2, shorts 1. One yellow card for ungentlemanly conduct refusing to press female underwear.

Yours faithfully,  
JAMES R. HOOKE,  
40 Loxley Road, SW18 3LN.  
June 24.

From Mr Gregor Macaulay

Sir, The continuing correspondence on the ironing of shirts amazes me. Why do otherwise sensible people buy shirts made of drip-dry, non-iron fabrics and then proceed to iron them? Wash your shirts using a gentle washing cycle, hang them immediately on plastic hangers to dry, and they will give years of unwrinkled and low-maintenance wear. Polyester-cotton fabrics are a boon and a blessing, and ironing is folly.

Yours faithfully,  
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June 24.

From Mr Colin Gordon

Sir, Men ironing shirts? Sir, in 1949 as National Service recruits at Caterick we ironed our boost

Your obedient servant,  
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 25: The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, this morning opened the new British Library in Euston Road and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG), Dr John Ashworth (Chairman), Dr Brian Lang (Chief Executive), the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport (the Rt Hon Chris Smith MP) and the Mayor of Camden (Councillor Robert Hall).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 25: The Princess Royal this morning departed from Heathrow Airport, London, for New Brunswick, Canada. Her Royal Highness this afternoon arrived at Fredericton Airport and was received by the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick (the Hon Marilyn Tremblay CMLC).

Today's royal engagements
The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, will visit the Corps of Royal Engineers, Hermitage, near Newbury, Berkshire, at 11.15; and as patron, will attend the WRVS diamond celebration garden party at Milton Hill House, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, at 2.50.

The Bryanston Society
A Midsummer Party was held at Bryanston on Saturday June 20 to launch The Bryanston Society. Past parents as well as past pupils are welcome to join the society free of charge.

Service luncheon
Maharaja Light Infantry
Lieutenant-Colonel P.M.W. Doyle presided at the annual luncheon of officers of the 5th Maharaja Light Infantry and their ladies held yesterday at the National Army Museum.

Birthdays today
The Earl of St Andrews celebrates his 36th birthday. Mr Claudio Abbado, conductor, 65; Sir Campbell Adamson, former chairman, Abbey National, 76; Sir Alan Bailey, civil servant, 67; Professor Kenneth Barker, Vice-Chancellor, De Montfort University, 64; Mrs June Bridgeman, former deputy chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, 66; Mr L.A. Carpenter, former chairman, Road International, 71; Professor Alexander Fenton, former research director, National Museums of Scotland, 69; Mr William H. H. Hall, former chairman, 68; Rear-Admiral Sir David Haslam, 75; Lady Holland-Martin, former chairman, NSPC, 84; Professor Ruth Kempton, FBA, linguist, 51; Mr Robert MacLennan, MP, 62; Sir Peter Miles, former Keeper of the Privy Purse, 74; Professor Sir Alan Peacock, FBA, economist, 76; Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, QC, 75; Professor Maurice Wilkes, FRS, computer scientist, 85; Mr Colin Wilson, author, 67; Mr David Winnick, MP, 65.

Service dinners
HMS Victory
Admiral Sir John Brigstocke, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Brigstocke were the hosts at a dinner held last night on HMS Victory. Among those present were: The Hon William and Mrs Robert Miles, Admiral and Mrs Robert Miles, Admiral and Mrs Robert Miles, Admiral and Mrs Robert Miles.

Atlantic Council
Ms Maria Kielmas, Editor of Latvi, was the guest speaker at an Atlantic Council forum briefing held yesterday at 8a Lower Grove-museum.



An artist's impression of the new pedestrian bridge, with St Paul's Cathedral in the background

Millennium bridge clears last hurdle

By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT
STAR-STRUCK lovers will be able to walk in even the most blustery conditions across the Millennium Bridge, which yesterday received the final go-ahead. Its architects have produced aerodynamically designed handrails that deflect wind high above pedestrians' heads.

Service dinners
HM Government
Mr George Robertson, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House in honour of Shaikh Jassim bin Hamad Al-Thani, their Apparent of Qatar.

Dinners
Paul Rippon, Master, presided. Mr John Wilson, Director General of the British Apparel and Textile Confederation, and Mr John Brennan, Chairman of the British Wool Federation, were among those present.

Luncheon
Mid-Atlantic Club
The Ambassador of Japan was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid-Atlantic Club held yesterday at Dartmouth House, Lord Ezra, chairman, presided.

Church of Scotland
Translation
The Rev Joseph A. Kavanagh, from North (Old and St Andrew's) Girvan to Mearns, Glasgow Retirements.

School news

Eton College
Eton College closes today. There are 200 boys leaving including the Captain of the School, T.M. Nelson KS and the Captain of the Oppidans, P.J. Atkinson OS.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr B.C. Chambers and Miss L.J. Cahill
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mrs M.S. Chambers, of St Brelade, Jersey, and Lydia, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.L. Cahill, of Wimbledon.

Marriage

Mr H.C.R.I. Burgess and Miss C. Wuerdlich
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 20, 1998, at the Church of St. Josef, Starnberg, Germany, of Mr Hein Burgess, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Burgess, of Tilbury, The Netherlands, eldest daughter of Mr Rainer Wuerdlich, of Starnberg, Germany, and Mrs Ilsemarie Zierbarth, of Göttingen, Germany.

Appointment

Mr John Blofield to be chancellor of the diocese of Norwich. He succeeds Judge John Ellison on August 1.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Morland, painter, London, 1763; William Thomson, 1st Baron Kelvin, physicist and inventor, Belfast, 1824; George Edward Herbert, 5th Earl of Carnarvon, archaeologist, 1866; Pearl Buck, novelist, Nobel laureate, 1938; Hillsborough, West Virginia, 1892; Willy Messerschmitt, aircraft designer, Frankfurt-am-Main, 1898.

Receptions

HM Government
Mrs Barbara Roche, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Small Firms, Deputy Secretary of Trade and Industry, was the host at a reception given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House on the occasion of the Business in the Community 1998 awards ceremony.

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DEATHS

ALEXANDER - Margaret Crawford (née Douglas), passed away peacefully at home after a long illness, much courage and dignity, on June 23, 2008, aged 82 years.

BIRTHS

BALCH - On 2nd June to Tracy (née Duncan) and Charles, a son, Rufus, a brother for Hamish and Justine.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

OBITUARY - The Memorial Service for Anthony Harold Oberman will be conducted at the Jewish (Gowhill) Cemetery, Littlebury Lane on Sunday 29th June at 11.30am.

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OBITUARIES

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR NIGEL MAYNARD

Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, KCB, CBE, DFC, AFC, former Commander-in-Chief RAF Strike Command, died on June 18 aged 76. He was born on August 23, 1921.

The senior surviving officer from the Berlin Airlift, Nigel Maynard died a week before he was due to revisit the city for the 50th anniversary celebrations. He commanded 242 Squadron at the time, deployed from its home base at Abingdon to Wunsdorf in Germany, from where its four-engine Avro York transports joined the operation to relieve the beleaguered city.

Maynard never forgot the experience as aircraft landed or took off from the former German capital every 90 seconds, round the clock for a total of 462 days, pilots snatching what rest they could while their aircraft were being loaded and unloaded. They even took in a steamroller to help to clear rubble from the streets.

But what impressed Maynard most was the gratitude of the people who not so long before had been the enemy. He developed a rapport with the city, renewing his acquaintanceship a quarter-century later when he took over command of RAF Germany. At the time of his death he was still trying to persuade the Post Office to issue a special stamp to commemorate the anniversary.

Maynard first achieved prominence in the mid-1960s when, first as Director of Defence Plans (Air), then as chairman of the Defence Planning Staff he found himself at the centre of Denis Healey's Defence Review, which led to the eventual withdrawal from East of Suez. Promoted air vice-marshal after a course at the Imperial Defence College, he went on to become commandant of the RAF Staff College, Bracknell, during the late 1960s.

But it was as an operational commander rather than as a staff officer in Whitehall that Maynard made his mark in RAF history. Between 1970 and 1977 (when he retired) he performed the unusual (now impossible) feat of commanding in the Far East, then RAF Germany and finally Strike Command — the senior operational command within the Service. In Singapore in 1971 he hauled down the flag for the last time as Britain withdrew its troops there. Then after a tour as deputy C-in-C Strike Command, he took over in Germany in 1973, wearing also a Nato hat as commander of the 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force.

He was thus in the forefront of the tactical debate over how best to deploy the Harrier jump-jet, the decision being eventually taken to operate it from forest "hides" alongside the frontline troops it was supporting. At one time seen as a candidate for the post of Chief of the Air Staff, Maynard was promoted air chief marshal in 1976 and moved into his final appointment as C-in-C Strike Command that year.

He had enjoyed the advantage of an impressive RAF pedigree. Nigel Martin Maynard was born at Slough, Lincolnshire, the son of an air vice-marshal who had prospected the site for the new RAF College at Cranwell and was on its first directing staff when his son was born. He was Cranwell's first baby and was christened in one of its hangars, a silver rose bowl being used for a font.

He went to Aldenham School, for which he played football and cricket, then passed into Cranwell as if his future were pre-ordained. His was the last regular intake before Cranwell started to churn out recruits for the Second World War.

Maynard flew Sunderland flying-boats for much of the war, initially from Obar with 210 Squadron in Coastal Command. He was later



Maynard never forgot the Germans' gratitude for the Berlin Airlift

posted to West Africa and from there to the Mediterranean. He won his DFC in 1942 during operations against U-boats in the Atlantic. He took part in the hunt for the *Scharnhorst* and once flew to Malta where his father was then in com-

mand. There, he suffered the loss of his Sunderland which was attacked in the harbour by the Luftwaffe while Maynard was lunching ashore. He and Maynard Senior were to become the first father and son to reach air marshal rank. In the later

stages of the war, however, he also acted as ADC to Air Chief Marshal Sir John Slessor, then C-in-C Mediterranean and Middle East. The experience not only brought him into contact with all the wartime leaders, including Churchill, but gave him a valuable insight into the mystique of holding high operational command.

He served as an instructor for a time after the war, adding the AFC to his DFC in 1946, and continued to move upwards. He served in Bomber Command for three years in the 1950s and as a group captain in 1960 took command of RAF Changi — the posting which he was to enjoy perhaps most of all.

Maynard retired from Strike Command 21 years ago and devoted much of his retirement to voluntary work. Among the organisations he supported was Gap — which helps students wanting a year off between school and university.

Maynard was a sociable man with a twinkle in his eye, who liked meeting people and drawing them out at parties. He wore the easy authority of one who was accustomed to command and could relax without ever encouraging overfamiliarity. He always tried particularly hard to win the hearts and minds of his senior NCOs who, he felt, held any unit together.

He married his wife Daphne in 1946. A former agent of the Special Operations Executive and at that time working in counter-espionage, she was recovering from illness in Algiers when they met. Maynard gave her a lift in a two-engine aircraft to rejoin her unit in Italy and when one of the engines failed and the other was overheating, she was immensely impressed by his equanimity. Nigel Maynard, who died following a heart attack after being in failing health for some time, is survived by her and by a son and daughter.

MINOO MASANI

Minoo Masani, Indian politician and author, died in Bombay on May 27 aged 92. He was born on November 20, 1905.

BARRISTER, publicist and one of the most acerbic and eloquent parliamentarians of his generation, Minoo Masani was, above all, India's leading advocate of free enterprise at a time when socialism and autarky were decidedly more fashionable economic creeds. At his death he was also one of the last surviving members of the Constituent Assembly that wrote India's Constitution between 1946 and 1949.

Born in Bombay — the centre of India's influential Parsi community — Minoo Masani graduated from the city's Elphinstone College before reading law at the London School of Economics. In 1928 he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn. Like many Indian students in Britain at the time, he was deeply influenced by Fabianism. Upon his return to India he joined the freedom struggle and even had to endure brief periods of imprisonment, much to the dismay of his father, the educationist and administrator Sir Rustam Masani.

In 1934, along with Achyut Patwardhan and Asoka Mehta, Masani formed the Congress Socialist Party in an attempt to push the Congress of Gandhi and Nehru towards the Left. Dismayed by the socialists' attempts to forge a common front with the Communists, however, Masani quit the party in 1940 and joined the Congress mainstream. After a brief stint in jail during the Quit India movement, he won Bombay's mayoral elections in 1943 on a Congress ticket.

He was elected in 1945 to the Indian Legislative Assembly, which subsequently converted itself into the Constituent Assembly, and he plunged into the work of drafting India's Constitution. A member of the influential sub-committee on fundamental rights, he was instrumental in strengthening the protection of individual liberty. He also succeeded in deleting all references to military conscription. However, his attempt to institute a common civil code, as opposed to separate Hindu, Muslim and Christian personal laws, failed because it was deemed threatening to India's minorities.

After a brief stint as India's Ambassador to Brazil, Masani returned to Parliament in 1949. He had already registered his disenchantment with the Left in his book *Socialism Reconsidered* (1944). In Parliament, he quickly emerged as Nehru's most formidable non-

Communist critic, attacking the Prime Minister for his advocacy of state intervention in the economy and his refusal to align India with the United States. After winning a seat in the 1957 election as an Independent, Masani kept up his verbal assaults against the Congress Government, characterising its five-year economic plans as a prelude to totalitarianism.

In 1960 he formed the Swatantra Party along with C. Rajagopalachari, a senior associate of Gandhi who had served as India's last Governor-General but who had since turned against the Congress. Conceived as a right-wing formation in the classical European sense, the Swatantra Party championed the cause of business and free enterprise. On the foreign policy front it was biterly anti-Soviet and anti-Chinese and it was quick to capitalise on India's military defeat at the hands of China in 1962. Masani, who had lost his seat a few months earlier, soon stormed back to Parliament in a by-election from the Congress stronghold of Rajkot.

Under Masani's leadership, Swatantra emerged as the largest opposition party in the 1967 elections, with 44 seats. In 1971, however, there was a huge swing in favour of the Congress led by Indira Gandhi, and Masani was swept away along with the Swatantra Party. Soon afterwards, he withdrew from active politics and retreated to the margins of public life. His party sank without trace.

A tireless writer, Masani was the author of more than 15 books and tracts. He also edited the magazine *Freedom First*, which had links with the anti-communist Congress Cultural Freedom. For that reason, Masani was reviled by many of his critics as an American agent, and even treated with some suspicion by the Indian Government. There was, of course, a delicious irony in the accusation, for Masani himself repeatedly charged the Indian Communists with being Soviet agents. Austere and intensely private, there is scarcely a mention in his autobiographical books *Bliss Was in That Dawn* and *Against the Tide* of his three unsuccessful marriages — Masani was never one to shy away from controversy. During the draconian National Emergency imposed by Mrs Gandhi in 1975, he went to court to prevent censorship. Towards the end of his life, he became a passionate advocate of euthanasia and campaigned for a change in the Indian laws.

He is survived by a son, the writer Zareer Masani.

ROGER BEVAN

Roger Bevan, director of music at Downside School, 1953-84, died on June 21 aged 79. He was born on June 27, 1918.

AS WELL as teaching music at one of the country's leading Roman Catholic schools, Roger Bevan directed a domestic choir, consisting, at one time or another, of most of his 14 children. The Bevan Family Choir toured in Britain and around Europe, making recordings and appearing on television. Their repertoire was broad and eclectic, ranging from Renaissance polyphony to exuberant negro spirituals, and many of them have gone on to pursue careers in music, teaching or the arts.

Roger Hugh Bevan was the son of an Anglican clergyman and grandson of an Archdeacon of Ludlow. He was educated at Shrewsbury and then at Queen's College, Oxford, where he read Greats. He then went on to study for the Anglican ministry at Westcott House, Cambridge.

But his calling faltered when he fell in love with his first cousin, Cecilia Baldock, who was Roman Catholic by birth. He was received into the Catholic Church at Downside Abbey in Somerset, and they were married in 1942. During the war Bevan served as a captain in the Royal Artillery in India.

On demobilisation, he and his wife set up a small music school at Newton in Monmouthshire, where they shared a house with other teachers. But in 1953 he was invited to be director of music at Downside, where he was to remain for 31 years.

The family moved into a rambling 15th-century farmhouse in two acres, where they grew vegetables, and kept pigs, geese, goats, sheep and chickens in a bid for self-sufficiency. To achieve that, the farming would have needed to become considerably more intensive as the years went by.

After dinner, the Bevan choir often burst into im-

prompt renditions of favourite madrigals. Several of them had perfect pitch, and one of these would simply sing a note for the others to follow. The eldest of the children was 24 years the senior of the youngest. Their public performances began in the late 1950s, and although they never all appeared together, almost all of them were involved at different times.

They made two recordings, and several television appearances, culminating in 1977 in the documentary *Harmony at Passonage Farm*. Concert tours then took them to Denmark, Germany and The Netherlands. Their London debut was at St John's, Smith Square, in 1978.

But as well as coaching his offspring, Bevan was active both at Downside and at All Hallows School, Shepton Mallet. "A good school depends on the Bible, Kennedy's *Latin Primer* and the cane," he mischievously said in a recent interview. But Bevan was no sadistic flogger. He once walked out in disgust when a headmaster he was working under lined up a group of boys to be caned.

The importance of educating children to the highest level of which they are capable was crucial to Bevan's outlook, particularly in music teaching. "Children can sing," he said. "But they need help. They need to reach for artistic satisfaction. The ability to express things pleases children and gives them a great sense of security."

As more of his own children left home in the early 1980s, the choir gradually dwindled. Nevertheless, when he marked his retirement from Downside in 1984 with a performance of the *St John Passion*, many of them performed in either the orchestra or the choir. In retirement he published his memoirs of teaching, conducting and fathering a large family, in *A Quiver Full*.

His wife died in 1992, but he is survived by his 14 children; a 15th died at birth.



Roger Bevan and nine of his children rehearsing at St John's, Smith Square, in 1980

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Masani became India's leading advocate of free market

made up. Mr. Tongue's second turned away with some indignation. Twelve paces were fixed upon, and both gentlemen to fire on a signal. They took their ground when Mr. Tongue declared to his second he meant not to fire, as that would be adding deliberate injury to an intemperate insult. Mr. Paterson was some time in bringing his pistol to a level. It vibrated much in his hand in lowering it, and went off as it came in direction with his antagonist's thigh, where the ball entering with great strength, occasioned Mr. Tongue to fall, and just as the body touched the ground, caused his pistol to discharge itself into the air. Notwithstanding the agony caused by a wound of this nature, he called out to Mr. Paterson, offered him his hand, and, with a smile, saying he would rather have bestowed a gentleman-like apology than receive a ball on such an occasion, begged him to take care of himself, for he feared his wound was mortal. The wound, however, has many favourable appearances, although the ball cannot be extracted.

made. and he trusted that a concession of this kind would much better answer the purposes of justice, than a Duel risking two lives, wherein one of the parties was sensible of his error. Captain Paterson's friend, who was then present, said that no apology could be acceptable, and therefore desired that Mr. Tongue might meet Mr. Paterson next morning and fight him. It was hinted that if Mr. Tongue would submit to have a stick laid across his shoulder by Mr. Paterson the matter should be



NEWS

Bar's court monopoly is to end

The Lord Chancellor is to scrap the Bar's near-monopoly of work in the higher courts as part of a fresh onslaught on the remaining restrictive practices of the legal profession.

Blair bows to landmine pressure

Parliament may sit on a Saturday for the first time since the Falklands War in a belated attempt by the Government to ratify, before the anniversary of her death, the landmines ban championed by Diana, Princess of Wales.

Bomber may be freed

The IRA terrorist who planted the London Docklands torry bomb that killed two shop workers was jailed for 25 years but could be free in two under the Good Friday peace deal.

Patient ruling

Hospital doctors were legally entitled to detain "informally" an autistic man who lacked the ability to consent or dissent to treatment.

Hollywood split

The strains and temptations of two high-powered Hollywood careers are being blamed for the break-up of Bruce Willis's marriage to Demi Moore.

Road thugs

Police were hunting two young men who forced a girl student to crash by driving within inches of her rear bumper at up to 90mph.

Jewish decline

The number of Jewish people in Britain has fallen below 300,000 for the first time since the influx of refugees from persecution in the Russian Empire.

Loving couple

Sir Richard Francis Burton, who translated the Kama Sutra, was believed to have been trapped in a loveless marriage.

Calais turns dry as Cup fans arrive

The alcohol ban for England's crucial World Cup match against Colombia in Lens tonight was extended to include Calais. Cafes, bars, restaurants, supermarkets and the many English-owned beer and wine warehouses must shut from 8am today until noon tomorrow.

Diana's 'last words'

A new book that describes in detail the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, claims that she was conscious immediately after the accident and that her last words were "My God".

Royal tact

The new British Library, once likened by the Prince of Wales to a "dim collection of brick sheds", was described by the Queen as "remarkable" architecture when she opened it.

Police 'sexism'

Police officers are turning a blind eye to sexual harassment by junior force members against female colleagues and victims of crime, says the Police Complaints Authority.

Clinton blow

The US Supreme Court dealt a big blow to President Clinton, ruling unconstitutional the veto that let him cancel some tax and spending measures.

Airline decision

The fate of a huge state subsidy to Air France was thrown into doubt when the European Court of Justice backed a British-inspired case.

Kosovo on brink

As frantic American shuttle diplomacy continued over Kosovo, there were worrying signs that it was on the brink of a Bosnian-style ethnic implosion.



The Prince of Wales meeting Britons who arrived on MV Empire Windrush 50 years ago, at St James's Palace yesterday

BUSINESS

Power play: The biggest electricity generator has threatened to derail government plans to secure a bigger market for coal.

Industry gloom: The manufacturing sector headed deeper into recession in June, with orders falling to their lowest levels in five years.

At home with Asda: The supermarket chain launched a home shopping project in South London to break dominance there by the market leaders Sainsbury and Tesco.

Markets: The FTSE 100 rose 54 points to 5858.9. The pound rose 0.18 cents to \$1.6690 and fell 0.63 pence to DM2.9972.

SPORT

World Cup: Holland and Mexico both qualified for the last 16 after they drew 2-2 in St Etienne.

Wimbledon: Andre Agassi, the No 13 seed and 1992 champion, was eliminated in the second round when he went down to Tommy Haas, of Germany.

Golf: Sam Torrance had his best round on the European tour for nearly two years, an eight-under-par 64, to lead the Peugeot French Open.

Rugby union: England have one final opportunity to win some respect, if not affection, from New Zealanders when they play the All Blacks.

ARTS

Pop albums: Ian Dury and the Blockheads have made their first album together for 17 years and it's a triumph of warmth and wit.

Richard Morrison: It's bleakly amusing that this of all governments should find itself presiding over such a gloomy parade of national mediocrity.

Agony and ecstasy: The National Gallery has put on show just three religious masterpieces by Caravaggio, but they have a stunning power to influence.

Close relations: Paula Vogel's prizewinning play, How I Learned to Drive, opens at the Donmar with Kevin Whately and Helen McCrory exploring its theme of incest.

FEATURES

Hunting debate: A national debate about the right to privacy has blown up in Germany after a tragic hunting accident.

Unsuitable: Joe Joseph tries to answer the question of why so many British men rely on suits when choosing clothes.

EDUCATION

On target: The success of a new approach at summer literacy schools, using a technique known as the Arrow method, is winning converts.

Failure: An examiner asks whether exams are a waste of everybody's time.

MEDIA

Mail shot: How Rosie Boycott is planning to make The Express a paper that no longer apes the rival Daily Mail with its editorial agenda or design.

THE PAPERS

Nor is it clear why the English are particularly prone to this disease [football hooliganism]. Perhaps the reason is that football has always been a poor people's game.

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FORECAST

General: eastern England will start quite sunny, scattered showers by midday. Elsewhere in England, and Wales, occasional heavy showers with sunny spells, and a broader spell of rain, especially in the south.

London, SE: Cent S England, E Anglia: city of first with some sunshine, showers, likely by lunchtime, then prolonged spell of rain. Moderate SW winds, Max 20C (68F).

Midlands, E, Cent N, NE England, Borders: showers, some heavy, merging to give longer period of rain. Sunny spells later. Moderate but gusty S to SW winds. Max 19C (66F).

Channel Is, SW, NW England, Wales, Lakes, I, W Scotland: dull and wet at first but rain will turn showery with sunny spells and occasional heavy downpours.

Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: mostly dry and bright at first, then showers, locally heavy, with brighter spells. Mod SE to S winds. Max 18C (64F).

Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, N Ireland: frequent showers, some heavy and prolonged, with risk of thunder, and only brief sunny breaks. Moderate S to SW winds. Max 17C (63F).

Outlook: rain in east early tomorrow will clear leaving sunny spells and showers, some heavy. On Sunday, showers and occasional sunbursts.

Pollen forecast: moderate - N Scotland, Wales, Midlands, SW and Cent S England, London; moderate to high - S Scotland, NW & NE England, East Anglia, SE England; high - N Ireland.

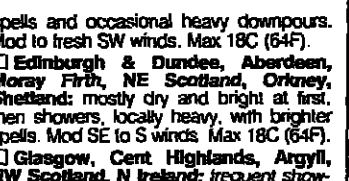
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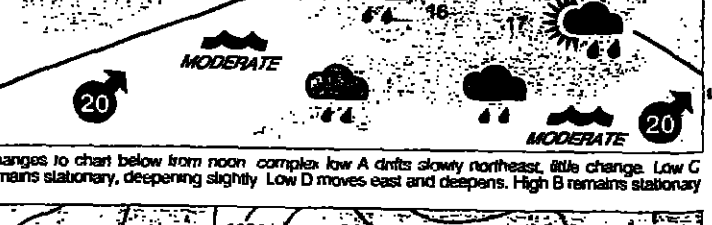
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## Factory orders at lowest for five years

By Alasdair Murray  
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE manufacturing sector moved deeper into recession in June with total orders falling to their lowest levels in five years, according to data published yesterday.

The gloomy outlook was confirmed by separate data, also published yesterday, revealing that the trade deficit with non-EU countries had reached record levels in May.

The two sets of data highlighted the policy dilemma facing the Monetary Policy Committee when it meets early next month. City economists are warning the MPC that a further rate rise designed to choke off wage inflation will only send manufacturers further into recession.

The Confederation of British Industry said its industrial trends survey showed that domestic manufacturing orders are also starting to fall, providing firm evidence that the economy is slowing. Export order books remain close to the 15-year low recorded in May but there was an acceleration in the pace of decline in total order books.

Sudhir Junankar, CBI associate director of economic analysis, said: "It shows the first signs of a slowdown in the domestic economy even though people are not paying much attention to it at the moment."

The manufacturing output index registered a small rise but stayed in negative territory suggesting a further drop in overall output to come. Price expectations were uniformly weak with the index falling to a record low, signalling the potential for deflation at the factory gate.

The non-EU trade gap for May more than doubled to £1.61 billion — the largest deficit since the series began in 1988. Economists cautioned that some of the rise was due to erratic such as diamond and aircraft imports. As expected the global trade deficit for April closed slightly from £1.54 billion to £1.39 billion but the less volatile quarterly figures showed the deficit rising from £1.9 billion to £3.2 billion — the highest figure for nearly eight years.

Economists said the one crumb of comfort in the trade figures was a slowdown in import volume growth. Volumes fell 0.3 per cent in the month, suggesting that consumer spending is also starting to slow. Overall export volumes fell 0.3 per cent in the quarter under pressure from the strong pound.

The worse than expected trade data took a modest toll of the pound which slipped below DM3 to close down about half a penny at DM2.9972.

# Shake-up of power market prompts calls for resistance

By Christine Buckley and Adam Jones

GOVERNMENT plans to shake up the power market and secure a future for coal could be derailed by a showdown with the country's biggest electricity generator.

The energy review proposals, which include stopping new gas-fired power stations and encouraging a break-up of the largest generators, are also likely to meet a wall of opposition from gas companies.

The Government yesterday set out plans to reform the electricity marketplace, which

it admits discriminates against coal-fired generation, and to encourage more competition in generation by seeking "practical opportunities" for the generators to sell off power stations. While PowerGen has indicated support for such a move, because — it is believed — it hopes to secure government consent to buy a regional electricity company, National Power will resist self-off.

It is thought that Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, will move quickly on

sale plans that could effectively split in two the businesses of National Power and PowerGen. He is expected to publish a paper in the next few days and seek meetings with the companies. The sales that will be required will be even greater than the six gigawatts of capacity demanded in the last acrimonious round of forced disposals two years ago.

National Power said: "We see no justification for further plant sales by National Power

at this time, and have no plans for further divestment."

A showdown could result in a reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission at a time when the Government hopes generators will sign up for coal from RJB Mining, the UK's largest producer, to prevent a round of pit closures. PowerGen said it welcomed the Government's commitment to diversity. It is thought that it would be willing to sell up to a fifth of its stations.

Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, said she hoped generators would "reassess where their interests lie in a different marketplace".

The Government's energy review did not outline a special market share for coal and Mrs Beckett conceded that there could be no guarantees that there would be no pit closures. The review followed the coal crisis last year when up to eight pits and 5,000 jobs were under threat because of a failure by RJB to renegotiate new contracts with the generators.

The company's present contracts — given a stay of execution negotiated by Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General — expire next Tuesday.

The review, which relies heavily on a transformation of the electricity trading market, is weaker than many people anticipated. However, RJB said it was "confident that, within the framework outlined in the President of the Board of Trade's statement, RJB will maintain a viable long-term business".

The Government claimed its reform of the market would lead to lower electricity prices. However, Centrica — British Gas's parent company — said: "New entry to the electricity market will be lower than it would have been. The effect on electricity prices... will therefore have to be monitored very closely."

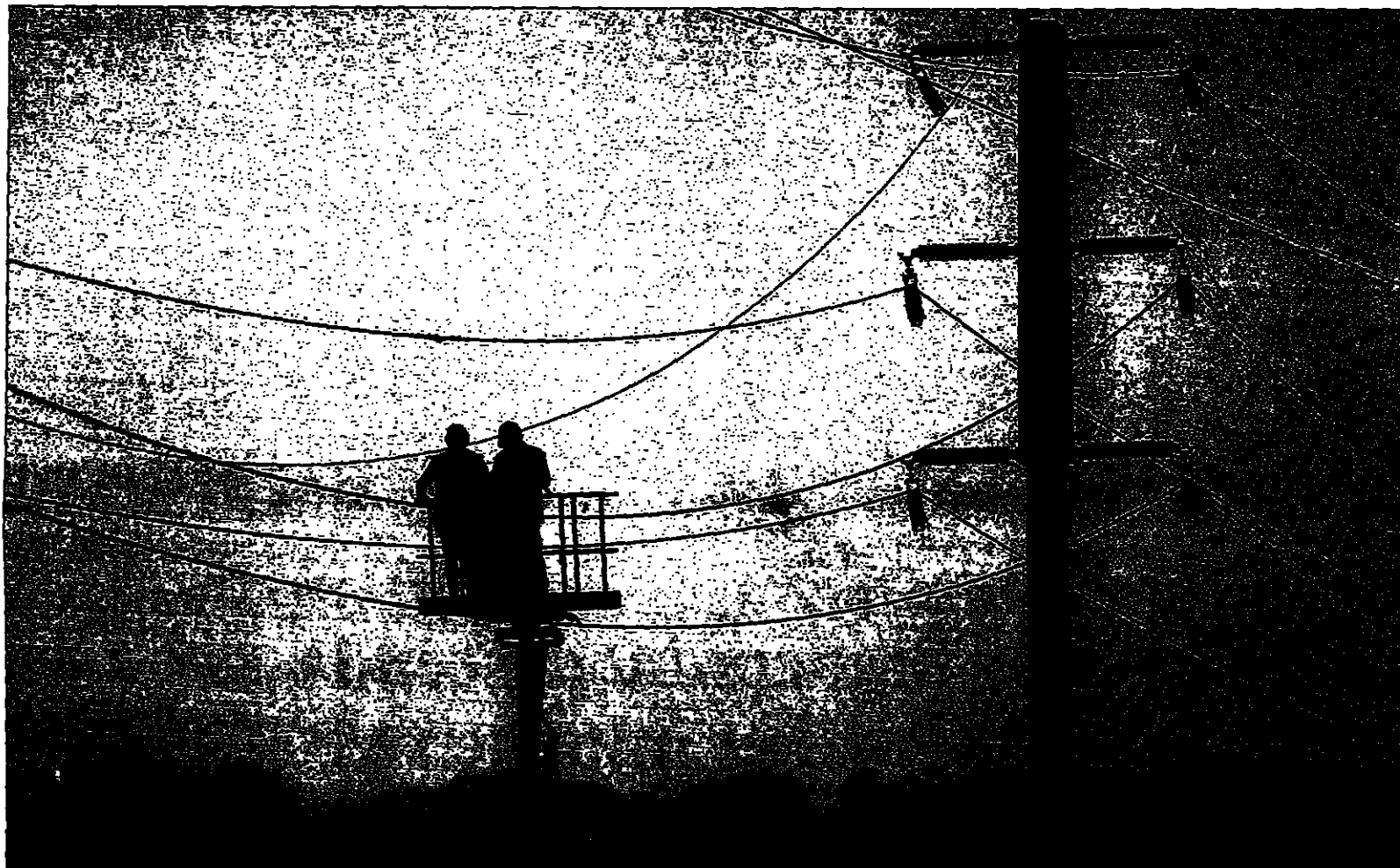
Ralph Hodge, chairman of Enron Europe said: "We are asking the Government to state why it thinks losing jobs in the construction and gas industries, conservatively estimated at over 20,000, is less important than saving 2,000 to 3,000 coal mining jobs."

The Government is effectively to block all new gas-fired power station applications — including those that have partial consent — although it will not use the term moratorium. Small environmentally friendly schemes may scrape through.

The Electricity Association, the trade association, said it was "disappointed that the uncertainty that has hung over the electricity supply industry for the past six months has not yet been removed".

The Government is consulting on its energy review until July 20.

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Current policy: the energy review's support for mining faces opposition from National Power, the leading generator, and the gas companies

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STOCK MARKET MOVEMENTS	
FTSE 100	5828.8 (+54.0)
Yield	2.80%
FTSE All share	2755.73 (+21.89)
Nikkei	15732.22 (+8.04)
New York	
Dow Jones	6935.58 (+11.71)
S&P Composite	1129.28 (-3.80)

US RATES	
Federal Funds	5.75% (5.75%)
Long Bond	105.75 (105.75%)
Yield	5.86% (5.86%)

LONDON MONEY	
3-month Interbank	7.75% (7.75%)
Life long gilt	
Rate (Sep)	108.79 (108.04)

STERLING	
New York	1.6717 (1.6893)
London	1.6707 (1.6889)
DM	2.0007 (2.0028)
FF	10.0580 (10.0870)
SFR	2.5209 (2.5128)
Yen	232.08 (234.32)
£ Index	106.8 (106.8)

DOLLAR	
London	1.7980 (1.8025)
DM	6.0280 (6.0430)
SFR	1.5180 (1.5080)
Yen	142.08 (141.32)
£ Index	112.6 (112.6)

Tokyo close Yen 140.95

NORTH SEA OIL	
Brent 15-day (Sep)	\$13.80 (\$14.05)

GOLD	
London close	\$293.55 (\$293.55)

## Fleming slides

Financial turmoil in South-East Asia sent annual profits tumbling by almost 14 per cent at Robert Fleming, one of the UK's few remaining independent merchant banks, with a sharp fall in earnings at the Jardine Fleming joint venture in Hong Kong. Page 28

## Prism profits up

Prism Rail, the train operator, reported pre-tax profits of £16.6 million for the year in which its punctuality record deteriorated significantly in all four rail franchises. Page 31, Tempus 32

## Asda launches home shopping

By Robert Cole, City Correspondent

ASDA, the supermarket company, yesterday launched a home shopping project it hopes will break the stranglehold of the grocery market in the South East of England enjoyed by rivals Tesco and J Sainsbury.

Asda is spending £5 million on a distribution warehouse in South London. The new outlet — exclusively for home deliveries — is in an area where Asda has no market share.

The company hopes to sell products ordered by catalogue and via the Internet. Asda also spoke yesterday about the possibilities of using television for distribution. Allan Leighton, chief executive, said the group may even run its own TV shopping channel once digital television technology is introduced.

Asda, based in Leeds and strong in the North of Eng-

land, impressed the City with an 8.2 per cent increase in like-for-like sales and a 14.4 per cent rise in underlying pre-tax profits to £405 million for the year to May 2. The advances came in the context of what Archie Norman, the chairman, described as being "an industry which is showing little growth".

Analysts confirmed that Asda was increasing sales ahead of rivals. Clothes marketed under the George brand have been particularly successful, with sales growth of 30 per cent last year.

Earnings per share for the past year rose 15.9 per cent to 10.36p and the final dividend of 2.63p, up from 2.24p, makes a total for the year of 3.54p compared with 3.05p. Asda shares closed up 10 1/2 p at 205p.

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## Malone gets \$2.5bn from AT&T deal

From Oliver August

JOHN MALONE, the TCI chairman who this week sold his cable company to AT&T for \$48 billion (£29 billion), will make a \$2.5 billion personal profit from the deal.

Mr Malone accumulated a 33 per cent stake in the company since joining TCI in 1973. Before the AT&T bid for \$32 billion in TCI stock and \$16 billion in debt, he owned \$8 billion of TCI.

AT&T is offering TCI shareholders a 31 per cent premium, which values Mr Malone's stake at \$10.5 billion. A close collaborator of Bob Magness, TCI's founder, he is credited with revolutionising the US television cable industry and expanding TCI, a small Denver company, into the second biggest US cable operator.

## Strike cripples GM production

From Oliver August in New York

GENERAL MOTORS is shutting down all of its production facilities in America because of a strike that has already cost the world's largest manufacturing company \$1 billion (about £600 million).

With GM accounting for 1 per cent of GDP in the US, the standstill is expected to reduce current US economic growth by at least half a percentage point.

The conflict started with a strike at two Michigan car parts plants earlier this month. More than 9,000 workers went on strike in protest against job cuts and management's decision to invest in low-cost production facilities outside the US.

The Michigan workers are supported by GM colleagues across America who fear jobs will be transferred to Mexico in the coming decade.

The strike is disrupting so-called "just-in-time" supply chains and now affects 220,000 workers. Production shortfalls have already led to GM showrooms running out of stock. With no new cars to sell, GM is pulling most television and newspaper advertising in America for the duration of the strike.

Negotiations have failed to end the dispute and union leaders have said the strike could last until the middle of August, making it the worst industrial action to hit GM since the Seventies.

If the strike continues beyond Tuesday, third quarter GDP figures will be affected. The seriousness of the dispute has raised questions over whether low US unemployment figures may finally be pushing up wages and fueling inflation.

# Windows opens to world with a whimper

Brenton Edwards



Demand was subdued as Windows 98 software launched

By Chris Ayres

TOURISTS, hawkers. Big Issue sellers and office workers of London's Oxford Street seemed unaware yesterday that one of the most controversial products of the 20th century had just been launched.

Windows 98, the computer software that has dragged its maker, Microsoft, into a blockbuster legal battle with the US Government, finally went on sale in British shops yesterday morning.

Microsoft and its founder Bill Gates, stand accused of attempting to crush competitors and monopolise access to the Internet by incorporating web browsing software into Windows 98.

But at midday yesterday, Oxford Street's Dixons — whose sister retail

chain, PC World, stayed open past midnight on Wednesday to sell the new software to a handful of nocturnal computer fanatics — was almost deserted.


At the back of the store, tucked behind a pile of electrical accessories and cheap stereos, sat a few forlorn copies of the product. Only a couple of shoppers glanced in the software's direction, probably in the hope that it was related to France 98. Dixons, however, insisted that sales had been better than expected.

Around the corner, at Tottenham Court Road's Micro Anvika, there was a bit more action. Raj Jagani, shop manager, said he had sold about ten copies at his busy outlet during the morning, although he later revised this figure downwards. Next door, at the empty

House of Computers, a glum salesman admitted that only two customers had expressed an interest in the software all morning.

The subdued launch of Windows 98 has been the antithesis of the arrival of its predecessor, Windows 95. Then the marketing offensive was so intense that some bought the product without realising they needed a personal computer to run it on.

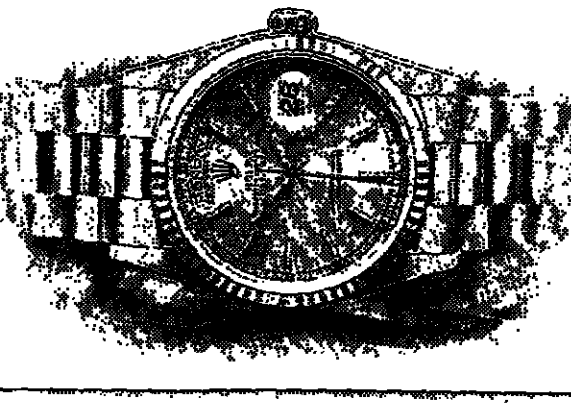
Computer experts yesterday said users would find only subtle differences between Windows 98 and its predecessor. The software is said to run applications faster and more efficiently, while offering the ability to view television, play digital video disks, and — crucially — access the Internet.



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### Eve serves up doubled returns

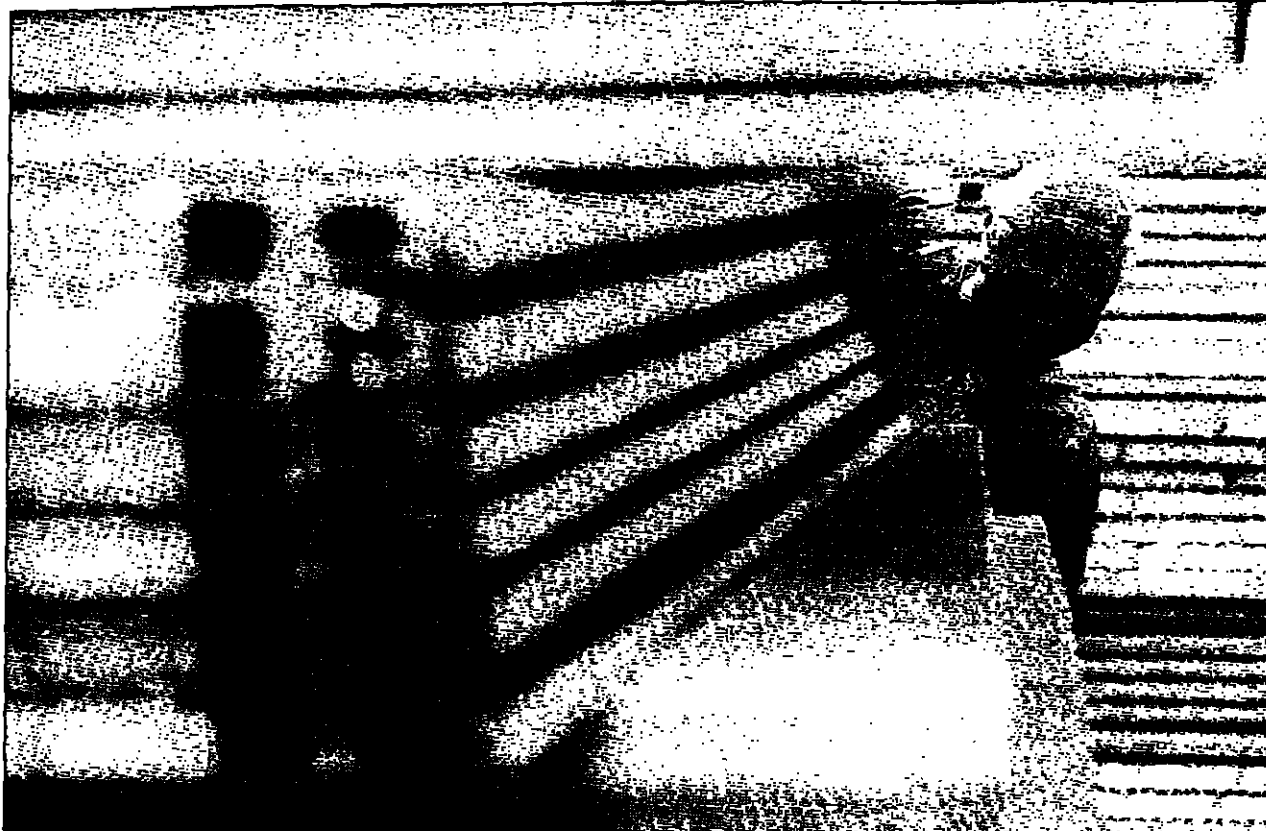
By OUR CITY STAFF

EVE, the construction group, has got the current year off to a flying start laying portable track at Wimbledon for the tennis championships and at Glastonbury in Somerset for the music festival.

Graham Foster, managing director of Eve, and the board, reported a doubling of pre-tax profits to £3 million for the year to March 31 on sales maintained at £87 million.

Mr Foster said: "Indications for the current year are encouraging. Eve Power and Eve Trakway divisions have good opportunities for growth, both organically and by acquisition and the board will concentrate on bringing these to fruition."

Total dividend rises from 4.5p to 7p out of earnings up 88 per cent to 19.5p. The shares rose 10p to 262½p.



Building up business: Graham Foster sees good opportunities at Eve for both organic growth and acquisitions

### Gavron sale signals exit from St Ives

By FRASER NELSON

ROBERT GAVRON, the former barrister who built up St Ives, is to leave the printing company, having sold almost three quarters of his shareholding for £23.6 million.

Shares in St Ives fell 3 per cent to 519½p yesterday after Keith Holmes and Gary Ison, both executive directors, said they were also selling £440,000 of their shareholding.

Mr Gavron, who abandoned law in the 1950s has decided to step down as non-executive director three years after ceasing to be executive chairman.

He sold his 4.59 million shares at 515p apiece — just 7.5 per cent off last year's peak of 556½p. He retains 2 million shares.

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### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Companies confer on EU pension test case

SOME 40 companies meet in London today to plan a test case that will ask the European Court of Justice to oblige individual EU governments to implement a single European pensions market. At the heart of the dispute is the reluctance of EU members to agree rates of tax relief on company pensions. As a result, employees of multinational businesses who work in different countries risk being taxed twice on some benefits. Companies complain of the huge cost of setting up and managing pension schemes in each country rather than a single scheme for the whole of Europe. Those attending today's meeting include Shell, BP, British Aerospace, Cable & Wireless, Marks & Spencer, BT, Unilever, Ford, Electrolux and Kvaerner. They will found the Pan-European Pensions Association, contributing up to £20,000 per company to fund a test case.

Harold Lewis, a lawyer at Eversheds, the legal firm advising the companies, said: "We are hoping our action will achieve a satisfactory staging-post along the road to tax harmonisation in Europe. Being able to run a pan-European pension scheme would be one step towards this."

### Sunbeam faces inquiry

SUNBEAM, the home appliances company that sacked its chief executive Al Dunlap this month, yesterday admitted America's Securities and Exchange Commission was investigating its accounting methods. Sunbeam also said it was seeking waivers on certain loan contracts and was continuing a review of its 1997 financial statements. Mr Dunlap, the turnaround specialist known as "Chainsaw Al," was dismissed for failing to revive the company's fortunes.

### Dart delivers the goods

DART, the distribution and aviation services group, raised pre-tax profits from £4.64 million to £5.13 million in the year to March 31 on sales up from £72 million to £88 million. Earnings rose from 19.3p to 22.4p and the total dividend rises from 6.5p to 7.3p after payment of a 5.0p final. The shares rose from 442½p to 450p. Dart is negotiating buying a further A300 to deliver to Dasa, the aerospace group, for conversion into a freighter in time for redelivery in spring 1999.

### Biocompatibles post

BIOCOMPATIBLES INTERNATIONAL, the medical coatings company that has lost 90 per cent of its value since last year, has appointed Crispin Simon from Smith & Nephew as its new chief executive. Mr Simon, 40, replaces Alistair Taylor who was forced to leave last February because of the lack of progress in commercialising the company's PC coating whose numerous applications include contact lenses and metal tubes used to hold open blood vessels.

### Hartstone may offer cash

SHAREHOLDERS in Hartstone, the troubled leather goods and hosiery company, have been offered the possibility of a capital repayment. After a five-year programme of disposals, Hartstone has net cash on its balance sheet. However, a raft of exceptional items relating to goodwill write-offs on disposed businesses meant Hartstone made pre-tax losses of £62 million in the year to March 31. Operating profits rose to £8.2 million from £3.7 million.

### Next in overseas cuts

NEXT, the retailer, is closing seven loss-making overseas stores, five in the United States, one in France and the other in Belgium. In the financial year to January 1998 the total turnover from the stores was £6.7 million and trading losses were £3.4 million. In addition, an exceptional charge of £3.6 million was taken last year for fixtures and fittings in the stores. Next said. The company said losses and residual closure costs may not exceed last year's trading losses.

### Partridge flies higher

PARTRIDGE FINE ARTS raised pre-tax profits from £1.45 million to £1.79 million on sales up from £8.37 million to £10.9 million in the six months to April 30. The half-year dividend rises from 1.55p to 1.75p on earnings up from 4.42p to 5.60p. John Partridge, chairman, said buoyant trading had continued into the summer, adding: "I look forward to the rest of the year with confidence." Partridge reports increased activity in all its business. The shares rose from 88½p to 91p.

### Halma sales

HALMA has asked us to point out that although £78 million of its £213.8 million sales were made outside the UK and US (Tempus, June 24), only £25.1 million were originated in these regions. It says this lower figure is a fairer benchmark for calculating the margin it made on non-UK/non-US business, where its profits amounted to £2.9 million. Halma made a pre-tax profit of £30.3 million on the £156.4 million of sales that originated in the UK, though about £70 million of this was exported.

## Fleming suffers 14% profit slide on Asia turmoil

By RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

FINANCIAL turmoil in South-East Asia sent annual profits tumbling by almost 14 per cent at Robert Fleming, one of the UK's few remaining independent merchant banks.

Sharply lower profits of £136.1 million reflected a much smaller contribution of £12 million from Jardine Fleming, its Hong Kong joint venture with Jardine Matheson, against £38 million last year.

Despite its Asian troubles, Robert Fleming, under John Manser, the chairman, and William Garrett, chief executive, the bank remains committed to Jardine Fleming. Mr Garrett pointed out that the venture had remained profitable while some of its competitors had collapsed.

Mr Garrett said: "Many companies have disappeared or announced large provisions. The results from Jardine Fleming are absolutely disappointing, but relatively quite good." He ruled out buying business lines from Caspian, the emerging mar-

kets specialist that announced its closure earlier this week.

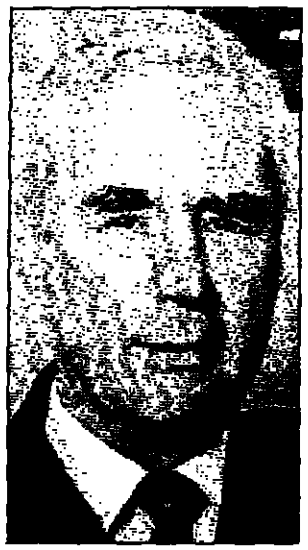
Asset management performed well, with European funds increasing 63 per cent to US\$9 billion. Funds under management at Rowe Price-

Fleming International, its US joint venture, rose 12 per cent to US\$33.5 billion, after winning a number of new institutional mandates.

The bank said the performance record of Save & Prosper, its UK retail financial services arm, was back on track after a decision to focus on unit trusts, Peps and banking. Earlier in the year, Save & Prosper pulled out of the retail life and pensions market.

In investment banking, Fleming advised on transactions with a total value of £13 billion, including the FTSE 100 listing of Billiton, the South African coal mining group. Mr Garrett said it was possible that more South African companies would choose London for their main listing over coming years.

Trading operations suffered from Asian difficulties, failing to offset gains elsewhere. Net dealing income fell 43 per cent to £43 million. Group administrative expenses rose 19 per cent to £430 million.



Manser backs HK venture

### Swiss bank reiterates LTCB link

By RICHARD MILES

SWISS Bank Corporation said yesterday it remained committed to its alliance with Long-Term Credit Bank, despite widespread fears that the Japanese bank is about to collapse.

Shares in LTCB, the 22nd largest bank in the world, have fallen over the past few days to a low of 50 yen against a peak of 2,820 yen in April 1987.

Yesterday, Katsunobu Ohnogi, the bank's president, apologised to shareholders for (1997/98 losses of 320 billion yen (£1.4 billion) and blamed its troubles on "malicious media reports".

LTCB has set aside 738 billion yen in loan loss provisions for the year ending March 31, as well as carrying 1.38 trillion yen in problem loans. Analysts said LTCB would have to seek a merger with another Japanese bank, or the Government would have to intervene.

A spokesman for SBC Warburg, which holds a 1 per cent stake in LTCB, said its three joint ventures — investment banking, asset management and private banking were progressing to schedule.

## Revised rescue package agreed between IMF and Indonesia

By ALASDAIR MURRAY, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE IMF yesterday signed a fresh rescue deal with the newly installed Indonesian Government, promising to provide up to \$6 billion (about £3.6 billion) of extra money to help tackle the country's enormous social problems.

In a tacit admission that mistakes had been made in the original International Monetary Fund accord signed in April, Hubert Neiss, the IMF's Asia director, said that the new agreement would take into account the country's fragile social fabric and try to help to repair the infrastructure damaged by the widespread political unrest in April and May.

It was fuel price increases demanded by the IMF that first set off the massive unrest in the country, resulting in the fall of former President Suharto last month.

Under the terms of the new agreement, fuel and food subsidies will remain in place until economic health returns to the country.

The IMF added that it would provide between \$4 million and \$6 million in extra resources to supplement the already promised \$41 billion.

The IMF is forecasting that the Indonesian economy will shrink by at least 10 per cent this year, inflation will reach 80 per cent and the country will record a budget deficit of 8.5 per cent of gross domestic product.

Indonesian markets found little cheer in the deal, with some analysts predicting that the IMF projections remain far too optimistic.

On the foreign exchange markets the rupiah closed unchanged at 14,775 to the dollar while the Jakarta stock exchange fell back by 0.5 per cent.

Further evidence of the massive social problems still faced by Indonesia came with fresh riots in the island state of Kalimantan while troops were sent in to try to control a strike at a factory in Surabaya, the country's second largest city.

## Merrill Lynch rejects \$40bn Chase takeover

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

MERRILL LYNCH is believed to have rejected a takeover offer from Chase Manhattan worth between \$35 billion and \$40 billion (£24 million).

Extensive talks between the two banks were held in April, but Merrill executives decided against the link-up because they wanted to concentrate on developing the world's biggest brokerage business. Late last year Merrill bought Mercury Asset Management for \$5.3 billion.

Chase, a retail bank with corporate and investment banking arms, has been searching for a merger partner for more than a year. Earlier talks with Merrill were reignited in April follow-

ing the merger of Travelers Group and Citicorp. Travelers' recent acquisition spree has inspired other US banks to try and copy its recipe for creating an integrated financial services company that offers everything from simple bank accounts and insurance policies to derivatives trading and bond selling.

Walter Shipley, the Chase chairman, had offered Merrill executives most of the top positions in the combined bank. Analysts said Merrill had now more or less convinced Wall Street it was not looking for a merger partner. Chase, however, is seen as acquisition-hungry as ever — potential targets include PaineWebber and DLJ.

## Tradepoint descends further into the red

By RICHARD MILES

TRADEPOINT, which offers a rival equity dealing system to the London Stock Exchange, slipped further into the red last year, notching up a loss of £6.67 million.

The company has now racked up total losses of £24.9 million since it was founded in the early 1990s. However, Tradepoint has almost £7 million in cash in the bank.

During the year, Tradepoint was forced to seek refinancing and raised £11.4 million by issuing new shares. This gave Apex Partners, the venture capitalists, about 30 per cent of the firm's equity.

In spite of the continued losses, Nic

Stuchfield, who was appointed chief executive on November 17, said he remained confident that the proposition of a low-cost, anonymous service for institutions was right for London, particularly given the problems with SETS, the Exchange's order-driven system.

However, Mr Stuchfield said Tradepoint had still to achieve critical mass, both in terms of client numbers and trade volumes. Tradepoint members rose from 59 to 79, while its share of equity trading averaged 1.3 per cent for the year. Mr Stuchfield would like to see that figure reach between 3 and 4 per cent.

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Denmark Kr	11.89	11.10
Egypt Pound	5.88	5.27
Finland Mk	9.95	9.20
France Fr	10.50	9.72
Germany Dm	3.16	2.82
Greece Dr	331	492
Hong Kong \$	13.75	12.55
India Rupee	151	111
Ireland Pt	1.24	1.15
Israel Shk	0.50	0.44
Italy Lit	2125	2089
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Malta	0.897	0.828
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# EU anomalies just plane illogical



COMMENTARY  
by our City Editor

The thought processes of Brussels bureaucrats are impenetrable by ordinary business brains. Their decisions, when they eventually emerge, have evolved under such a mixture of pressures, ranging from national politics and power broking to the internal power struggles of the Commission itself, that they cannot be expected to obey simple logic.

Thus the Commission, charged with upholding competition in the marketplace, felt able to allow Air France to enjoy a £2 billion subsidy from the French Government, although this clearly disadvantaged rivals who were not benefiting from generous state support. The sum was huge: two thirds of the entire market capitalisation of British Airways at the time. To BA, pushed out of government feather-bedding to fight in the real commercial world, the Commission's decision seemed ludicrous.

Now, after the inevitably protracted procedures, the European Court has concluded that BA's judgment was right. The decision, if it is allowed to stand, has significance way beyond the airline business. Certain European countries do tend to take the view that free market competition should be the rule, except when it is they who want to distort it through the mechanism of state intervention. The single market still exists more in rhetoric than reality.

While the politicians strive

determinedly to lace Europe into one single currency, the original European concept is far from being realised. Apart from distorting competition in the airline industry by keeping Air France artificially high in the skies, the Commission allows different countries to operate a host of different restrictions on how airlines operate. If BA wanted to transfer from its fleet a German registered aircraft and crew to operate out of Heathrow, it could not. Similarly, a plane that met with the UK requirements on registration and crewing could not just hop over to Hamburg and be operated from there.

This is just one of the numerous anomalies that fester all over the European ideal and the removal of which would do far more to aid efficiency than a single currency can.

Efficiency, however, is hardly high on the European Commission agenda. With the two-year mark now passed, British Airways is still awaiting the Commission's verdict on its planned alliance with American Airlines. The date at which Karel Van Miert is due to pronounce on the deal is now pencilled in as July 6, but many an eraser has

been worn out as the Commission has regularly postponed announcing its decision.

Both BA and AA have been making clear their long-term commitment to each other and promising that they will not lose faith in the idea of partnership.

But the problem for both parties is trying to understand the basis on which Mr Van Miert is likely to make his demands. It is the lack of logic issue that continues to baffle.

## New lamps for old, new plans for old

Before electricity privatisation, prices were bumped up. Apart from boosting state revenue, this was intended to be a sort of homeopathic dose of inflation. Offering profitable opportunities to new generators, advocates claimed, would eventually bring prices down. So it has proved. In the seven

years since privatisation, according to figures from the regulator, household bills have shrunk by an average of 21 per cent and industry's by 22-30 per cent. Householders who find they are blessedly average can thank cuts forced by the regulator, Stephen Littlechild. The extra savings made by industry suggest that competition has worked too. Ordinary folk will soon find out if it works for them.

If every power station had bid independently into the pool market, prices should have dropped much further. The dash for gas unleashed by deregulation led to massive overcapacity which would have pushed prices to rock bottom and bankrupted nearly all the participants. Fortunately National Power and PowerGen, who owned most of the old coal-fired plant, knew that they were destined to lose market share and decided to retire or mothball their dirtier power stations to stop prices collapsing. And some of the

new gas plant was built on the strength of sweetheart deals with the regional supply monopolies.

These monopolies are now being dismantled on plans set long before yesterday's government energy review was started. And the electricity regulator had already got fed up with the pool system. His plan to reform the market, to allow purchase bids by customers and forward trading, is designed to remove the remaining market power of the big fossil fuel generators and move nearer to a perfect market.

The new factor introduced by the Government yesterday is a more organised moratorium on new gas-fired power stations. In this complex market, you have to be brave to predict what will happen. Chances are, however, that we may see what happened at privatisation reversed: bigger price cuts now will slash profits and lead to more plant closing. Old coal-fired plant without long-term contracts is likely to go

first, whether it has been dived by PowerGen or not. Later, the moratorium will ensure that the power market tightens, sending prices soaring up. The moratorium on new plant will then be lifted, setting off another investment binge. So much for Labour's comprehensive new long-term energy planning.

## Home is where the sales are for Asda

Asda is fast turning itself into the people's superstore, a neat trick considering that the boss is the vice-chairman of the Conservative Party and not new Labour. As the sparkling figures showed yesterday, its market share is growing faster than that of rivals (dream on, Tories) and it is coming up with the ideas to maintain that momentum.

Home shopping has been much talked of but little practised in the UK but Asda is convinced the market is there. Since its stores are scarce in the South East, it is making a small investment to try to build sales in the area through home delivery. Properly done — and that is the

difficult bit — this could grow rapidly. But customers who are let down by deliveries that do not arrive at specified times quickly take their business elsewhere.

The move into selling entertainment electronically also looks a smart way of building sales at little cost. And it should not be long before the company takes the opportunity to introduce its George range of clothes to a wider audience through similar marketing.

Yesterday Archie Norman and Allan Leighton were happier to talk about trading ideas than takeovers. But those in the know do not rule out a deal with Kingfisher. Sir Geoff Mulcahy is still casting looks in Asda's direction. Joining forces with Asda would solve one pressing problem. Who will take over when Sir Geoff decides he would like to retire? Allan Leighton has big ambitions.

## Will Boots kick in?

THE Millennium Dome has been officially topped out but still there is the little matter of funding to be settled. There may be Brownie points for the early supporters but brinkmanship should ensure that those who take the most persuading to part with £12 million get the most for their money. Boots is still playing hard to get but the persuasive Peter Mandelson should soon sign up the chemist, along with a leading financial institution.

## BPB fears further setbacks

By PAUL DURMAN

BPB INDUSTRIES, the plasterboard company, gave warning that it continues to face "challenging" conditions in the paperboard operations that were the main source of its problems last year.

Paperboard — used in the manufacture of plasterboard, as well as in packaging — contributed operating profits of only £7.4 million in the year to March 31, a decline of almost 45 per cent. Moreover, the closure of an inefficient Dutch cartonboard mill was the main cause of a £26.3 million exceptional loss. BPB's pre-tax profits fell from £189.1 million to £134.6 million.

Jean-Pierre Cuny, chief executive, said BPB's underlying performance was strong and group profits of £173.1 million would have been 9 per cent ahead but for the strong pound.

The building materials division made £156.2 million, a 14 per cent improvement at steady currencies.

A final dividend of 7.2p, to be paid as a foreign income dividend, will increase the full-year payout to 11p a share.

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## Prism profits up despite slow trains

By ADAM JONES AND FRASER NELSON

SHARES in Prism Rail, the AIM-listed train operator, rose 75p to 510p yesterday after it announced pre-tax profits of £16.6 million for its first full year of trading, despite falls in punctuality. Prism also said it intends to join the main London stock market next month.

The profits were achieved in spite of significantly poorer punctuality in all four of its franchises. The proportion of late trains running on its 86-mile Cardiff line increased by 35 per cent in the 12 months to March 31, eroding all the improvements that had been made in the final months of British Rail ownership.

South Wales & West, its largest franchise stretching from Manchester to Portsmouth, recorded a 20 per cent

worsening in its proportion of late trains.

West Anglia & Great Northern, which runs the newly launched Cambridge Express, and the London-Tilbury-Southend "miserable line" also worsened their average punctuality rates over the year.

Nevertheless, Opra's incentive regime left Prism Rail with a £1.79 million extra payment over the period — after rewards for hitting miscellaneous targets more than offset any penalties for the late trains. On top of this, it received £176 million of subsidy that is guaranteed by the franchising director.

Turnover for the year to March 31 was £454.7 million and earnings per share 48.7p. Prism said passenger revenue growth was 10.4 per cent for

the year, adding that this rate has continued in the first two months of the year.

The company said it expects revenue to increase by more than 22 per cent on its London to Stansted airport route this year because low-cost airlines such as Go! and Ryanair are causing a big increase in traffic through Stansted.

Prism has also attacked GNER's domination of the Peterborough to London route. Although the rival Prism service, run by WAGN, is slower, it has taken a 15 per cent market share by offering 25 per cent cheaper tickets.

By the end of 1999, Prism said 57 per cent of its trains will be new or refurbished.

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## Investcorp seeks Saks buyer

FROM OLIVER AUGUST  
IN NEW YORK

INVESTCORP, the Bahraini investment firm, is seeking buyers for Saks Fifth Avenue, the upmarket New York fashion retailer, for about \$2.5 billion (£1.5 billion).

The group is attempting to cash in on the current retailing boom after buying the chain of 97 stores from BAT for \$1.6 billion in 1990.

The Saks sale mirrors the group's previous investment strategy of buying ailing businesses and providing deep pockets for a restructuring before selling out. Investcorp formerly owned Tiffany and Gucci.

Potential buyers could include LVMH, the French luxury brand group. Saks, founded in 1867, opened the landmark Fifth Avenue store in 1924, which today accounts for 20 per cent of the retailer's total sales.



John Matthews says further rate rises could be damaging

## South East helps lift Crest 67%

By MATTHEW BARBOUR

THE buoyant house market in the South East helped Crest Nicholson, the builder and property developer, to lift pre-tax profits 67 per cent to £12 million in the six months to April 30 on sales 32 per cent higher at £201.2 million.

John Matthews, chairman, played down the impact of the recent rise in interest rates, saying homes remained affordable. He said, however, that further increases could trigger a slowdown in the housing market.

Profits from housebuilding rose 40 per cent to £11.1 million, driven mainly by stronger sales in Crest's South East heartland. Property contributed £500,000, against a £700,000 loss previously.

Earnings per share rose to 7.13p from 3.80p, interim dividend is lifted to 1.5p from 1.25p and shares rose 3 1/2 p to 134p.

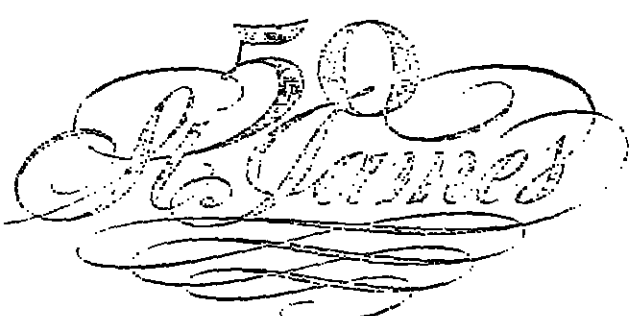
## Barclays in bridging loan defeat

By RICHARD MILES  
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS faces multi-million-pound compensation payouts after the Court of Appeal ruled it was in breach of contract when it threatened to charge interest on an employee's bridging loan.

Bob French was given an interest-free loan in 1989 when the bank asked him to move from Oxford to Billericay, Essex. But when the housing market collapsed, he was unable to sell his property. Barclays threatened to impose interest unless he sold his home to the bank's agent at a capital loss of £40,000. He sold and had to give Barclays an equity stake in his new home.

Yesterday the court ordered Barclays to pay damages of £42,500 plus costs. UNIFI, the union for Barclays staff, said 39 similar cases are pending.



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MICHAEL CLARK Stock Market Writer of the Year

Psion's inexorable rise takes the City by storm

THIS week's spectacular rise in Psion has become the sort of thing that fairytales are made of.

Shares in the handheld computer manufacturer left everything else standing yesterday as the price surged another 179p, or 42 per cent, to a new high of 602 1/2 p.

Behind the euphoria is the news that Psion has linked up with the mobile phone companies Nokia and Ericsson to form a joint venture, Symbolia.

Psion will have 40 per cent of the venture that will develop a new generation of smart phones that will combine mobile phones with miniature computers.

Share prices generally enjoyed an early mark-up cheered by overnight gains from New York and Hong Kong. But prices closed below their best levels.

Over the possible bid for Vaux, with Enterprise Inns, up 6p at 363 1/2 p, standing by to snap up its tenanted pub estate.



Spectacular sales of designer sunglasses alongside its more usual lines helped Asda to achieve its profit targets

of Martin Grant as chief executive on Monday to revive the Sunderland brewer's flagging fortunes. But industry whispers suggest that, even though talks with Stakis have broken down, Mr Grant's plans may yet be overtaken by events.

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ASIAN FLU: FTSE all-share index (rebased) and FTSE 350 chemicals price index from Jun to May.

THE chemical sector remained under a cloud after ICI, 5p cheaper at 995p, prompted another round of profit downgradings by brokers.

Losers yesterday included Croda International 5 1/2 p to 376 1/2 p and Yorkshire Group 7p to 207 1/2 p.

chief executive, has bought 5 million shares for a fraction of the 553p he first sold them two years ago.

Share buying by directors was responsible for a rise of 6p to 204p in PIC International.

Archie Norman, chairman of Asda, Britain's third largest grocer, can never be accused of seeing business through rose-coloured spectacles.

The biggest fall on the day was seen in KBC Advanced Technologies where the price plunged 19p to 205p on the back of a profits warning.

It was an inauspicious debut for HW Group as it placed at 160p by Credit Lyonnais, the broker.

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rail franchises using almost 2,000 miles of track, and is available for just £150 million - pocket money to the likes of Stagecoach.

ings - which looks expensive. Next year, it argues, a £15 million drop in subsidy will be easier to deal with.

engineering activities are also performing well. The problem lies in the metal alloys arm, which produces alloy wheels and other car parts.

There are hopes, for instance, that South Africa will be a potent new market for its Triton showers, which are very successful in the UK.

Another disposal is imminent. The Norprint print is being sold.

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# A structure for regional funding

It was not so long ago that Europe's leaders would sit huddled around maps arguing over the boundaries to their empires. These days, however, while the maps are still unfurled, the only spoils on offer are the proceeds of the European Union budget and the chosen bargaining chips are GDP data rather than Panzers and Dreadnoughts.

This does not mean that international competition is any less fierce than in the bad old days. The European Commission's fiendishly complicated system of aid allocation has created an entire industry for map readers and number-crunchers. Only the perfect combination of per capita GDP, unemployment and population density figures will guarantee a region qualifies for EU funding.

The Commission, however, has been forced to admit the current system of allocating its structural funds verges on the absurd. The expected accession of countries from Eastern Europe will place even more pressure on the funds and the larger EU members have made it clear they will not tolerate any expansion in the EU's budget. In response, the Commission has pledged to reduce the number of different aid criteria from

seven to three and to cut the overall level of the structural fund budget.

The reform plans have left the British Government with a dilemma. It supports the broad thrust of the reform but is not happy that the UK seems set to be one of the biggest losers from any cuts.

The problem is that the EU's chosen method of restricting the budget is to try to adopt an even more rigid reading of the statistical data. Priority "Objective 1" regions are supposed to have an average GDP per capita of only 75 per cent of the EU average but until now the Commission has been prepared to take other factors into account. Under the new guidelines, the 75 per cent figure will be exactly applied. This will result in two politically sensitive UK regions, the Scottish Highlands and Islands and Northern Ireland, falling out of the EU safety net because both have GDP levels just above the required level.

The new system will also create a variety of other new absurdities likely to

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hit Britain. Unemployment is the main measure to define "Objective 2" criteria. The UK will pay the penalty for its successes in bringing down unemployment even though job creation has been uneven across the country and unemployment black-spots still clearly exist. As the Trade and Industry Select Committee pointed out in its report on structural fund reform, which was published yesterday, the fact that the "process is almost obsessively based on maps" will also create anomalies. No-one is quite sure what the final impact of the reforms will be but on some estimates 14 million people in the British regions are set to lose out on structural fund money.

Regional businesses are understand-



ALASDAIR MURRAY

ably worried by these changes. If you talk to companies in the North East and Merseyside that have received funds in the past, they are quite clear about the benefits the structural funds have brought. The North East has enjoyed almost £1 billion of structural funding and is still receiving up to £150 million a year from the EU.

The Newcastle Chamber of Commerce argues that almost every new investment in the region has benefited from European money. The leveraging effect has been massive, establishing the North East as one of the country's main hotspots for inward investment. The much-lauded Nissan car plant in Sunderland, for example, received a substantial sum at start-up but

the Japanese company has since invested a further £1 billion in the region entirely from its own funds.

The threatened drop in funding, however, only forms a small part of business concern. The private sector feels that the system is still designed for the benefit of Brussels bureaucrats and not for investors on the ground. The application process is complicated, long-winded and opaque. Peter Stoddard, company secretary at Nissan UK, describes it as "a Catch-22". Businesses that prove the case for a suitable investment are in the Commission's eyes effectively disproving the need for a grant.

Rather than squabbling over the money, the Government should be pressing the Commission to think more coherently about how it can better involve the private sector. The desired cut in funding will prove easier to stomach if the quality of spending is improved. The Commission should be concentrating on spreading structural fund best practice across

the EU and thinking harder about where expenditure has proved effective rather than establishing arbitrary cut-off points. The Commission and the Government should also heed the call of the Confederation of British Industry for businesses to have a bigger involvement in the monitoring committee for the funds.

The Department of Trade and Industry has promised it will begin a consultation process ahead of the final negotiations in the autumn. It is vital that the DTI places as much emphasis on the views of the private sector as on the responses from local authorities. The promised creation of the Regional Development Agencies should also provide a window of opportunity for involving business in the management of state aid.

The danger is, however, that this Government has already set its sights on being tough with Europe. The structural fund reforms, along with the budget rebate, are believed to be easy targets for a Government now determined to win some Eurosceptical plaudits. Business, however, would prefer that the politicians set aside the maps for once and think more deeply about how the money should really be used.

# Coal crisis forced Labour to Budge over energy policy

Power groups ensure that there are no easy answers, says Christine Buckley

The spectre of thousands of miners being thrown out of work sent the Government into an autumn of panic late last year. Yesterday it finally set out a strategy for energy and a possible way to avert crisis in the coal industry.

Mining may be a shadow of its former self but its political and emotional weight is still considerable. The threat of multiple pit closures and the loss of 5,000 jobs was enough to jolt the Government into action, creating an energy policy that had been woefully lacking. Prior to the panic, preservation of the coal industry had not been high on new Labour's agenda. In fact the Department of Trade and Industry had, in the first six months of the new administration, served only to deepen the grave for coal by granting permission for nine new gas-fired power stations. It has been the proliferation of gas in electricity generation — the so-called "dash for gas" — that has put the squeeze on the depleted coal market.

Labour's first six months in office saw enough new gas approved to replace the annual output of two mines. The energy industry had expected Labour to put a stop to new gas stations in an effort to create the diverse, sustainable and secure energy policy it had often vaunted in opposition. But it was not until John Birtle, the Energy Minister, came face to face with the prospect of thousands of mining job losses and mass protests from the unions that the Government was galvanised into action.

It has been a tricky moral dilemma for Labour. The coal industry and the electricity generators are now in private hands. They should, theoretically, be left to their own devices and market forces. New Labour shies away from intervention. But energy is an



A sign of how seriously Labour took the coal crisis was the involvement of Peter Mandelson, the Minister without Portfolio

area that, more than most, proves the maxim that the market is short-term smart and long-term stupid. New Labour is keen on the environment and coal is still dirty despite work on clean-up techniques that are in their infancy and expensive. Coal mining is an old industry and languishes in Labour's old heartlands. But many of those areas are now represented by young new Labour MPs whom the party wants to advance rather than lose in a backlash at the next election.

Labour also had to acknowledge that while coal no longer has a towering industrial presence — it now supports about 12,000 miners' jobs compared with 588,000 in 1960 — it is highly emotive.

To say the workings of the electricity industry are labyrinthine is to understate the case. It is now widely acknowledged that the electricity pool — the trading mechanism — is stacked against coal because of the way it calls on coal-fired stations to produce power. But that will take some time to reform even with the consent of

the many players involved. Securing a market for coal by designating a certain amount of the fuel to be bought by generators will serve to consolidate the market power of the three coal-burning generators against the numerous smaller gas generators. The electricity industry has been heavily attacked by power buyers for lacking competition in generation. More competition, not

ing the market had developed in the way that it has. Another tough factor in the equation has been the operation of RJB Mining. It became the UK's largest coal producer when Richard Budge bought the bulk of English and Welsh collieries when British Coal was privatised. RJB bought the mines complete with secure contracts with the electricity generators. They were all due

to expire in March this year, creating a huge cliff edge in a market that had rapidly changed. RJB and the generators have faced the first negotiations of power contracts in the privatised era. The talks did not go well, with a large amount of blame heaped on RJB for not bringing down prices. Inevitably there was brinkmanship on both sides. RJB did not want to sell coal for less than it could

smaller producers do not have the obligations that RJB has, especially over redundancy and employment conditions.

Certainly the ingredients that the Government has had to work with have been difficult. And they will continue to be problematic over the next few weeks of consultation on the energy review. Squaring the energy circle is not easy.

Added to this has been the not inconsiderable outrage from the gas industry over the prospects of supporting coal. Large gas companies such as the US's Enron and Energy and British Gas have lobbied the Government strongly, creating real concern in Downing Street. Their threats could result in a judicial review of the hard line against new gas-fired station consents. No 10 fears that large US companies could be feisty enough to mount a legal challenge and could halt large amounts of inward investment. Construction workers and the AEEU electrical workers union have also complained that an effective block on new gas stations will mean the loss of thousands of jobs.

Job loss warnings and the threat of industrial blight were the main triggers for the Government's eventual wrestling with energy policy and they remain so as the talks continue. When the job loss threat loomed last year, many in Labour accused Richard Budge of not getting down to contract talks and of relying on government help. He was accused of playing political hardball with coal. Had he not, however, the DTI would probably still be approving new gas power stations, the Government would still lack an energy policy and mines would have steadily closed piecemeal, eventually obliterating one of Britain's traditional industries.

## Forcing generators to sell power stations will prove problematic

less, is required. Forcing the generators to sell power stations to competitors is likely to prove problematic unless vast incentives are offered. It would require primary legislation over private businesses, and the two largest generators — National Power and PowerGen — have the backing of Monopolies and Mergers Commission rulings of two years ago saying that further power station sales will not be necessary presum-

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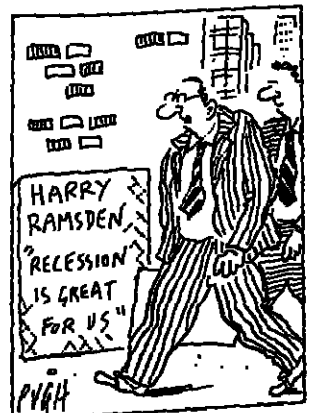
# Export gap

RUFFLED feathers in the City over last week's low-key announcement of a review of the way exports are promoted by the Government. This looked at the time like terribly dull stuff, a new panel of industrialists and civil servants. But in drawing up the list the Foreign Office, traditionally the champion of manufacturing, appears to have forgotten half of the economy.

The review is part of an interminable conflict between the FO and the Department of Trade and Industry. The forecast is that the two depart-

ments' shared responsibilities for export promotion will be merged; the question is, under which roof? The new review panel is split half-and-half between manufacturers and civil servants. Not a single banker or anyone else from the service sector is to be seen, even though this sector is rather more successful in balance of payments terms than the manufacturers, and certainly no one from the City.

The big hitters, instead, are Sir Ronald Hamptel from ICI and David John of BOC. "The people chosen are people who have a wide experience of what we need to do in order to provide support for British business," the FO said.



"He's got a chip on his shoulder about something"

ARCHIE NORMAN of Asda is sick of answering questions on putative mergers with Safeway and Kingfisher. The company found a useful way of discouraging them at yesterday's analysts' presentation. Anyone impertinent enough to ask was required to put on a ridiculous red and white wig of the kind the better behaved English football fan might wear. Philip Dorgan of Panure Gordon, a man who obviously took his obligations as an inquisitor more seriously



than his dignity, stepped forward — only to receive a polite brush-off.

## Coin spin

THERE has been much made of ministers who refuse to go up against difficult interviewers. Paxman, and so on, in favour of "soft options" who will give them an easy time. So Gordon Brown on Granada's This Morning yesterday should have been a doddle.

But it turned into an embarrassment, made worse by some unsubtle retrospective spinning by his aides. The question put by Richard Madeley was this: Would the new Diana, Princess of Wales

£5 coin have a picture of the Queen on the back? (This is rather a good question, given Diana's antipathy to the Royal Family; the answer is yes.)

Let us fast-forward to the Treasury's version of events: "He does know that the Queen's head is on one side and Diana is on the other." The only confusion he showed was over the actual design, said the Treasury, because this is as yet undecided.

Now rewind to the actual transcript. Madeley puts the question. Brown hesitates. Judy Finnigan, his co-host, interjects: "Yes, I think so." Brown: "I think... I think... that's what... ah, no, no... It's one of those questions I can't answer. I don't know if it does, actually. I don't know if it does."

A COLLEAGUE at Robert Fleming yesterday to discuss the results was alarmed to see a couple of men outside the window passing by on the ledge. Fleming has plenty of exposure to the Far East, but things weren't that bad, were they? "Nothing so melodramatic," said William Garrett, the chief executive. "We've got a leak in the roof."

## Party line

MY reaction, on learning that Bob Gavron had finally cut

loose from St Ives, was that Blair had netted yet another catch from industry. Not so, says Gavron: "I'm very keen on the Labour Party, but I don't have any political plans." Keen enough to donate £500,000 of his own money before the election, at least. Had he been approached to serve in the past? "Not really."

He remains a trustee of the National Gallery, chairman of the Folio Society and chairman of The Guardian Media Trust. The Guardian job would seem to weigh against any political ambitions, I suppose. The paper and the Government are seldom on the same side these days.

MARTIN WALLER



Bob Gavron has no plans in politics despite making a big donation to Labour

## BUSINESS LETTERS

### Moratorium will protect customers

From Mr David Brewer  
Sir, Professor Littlechild, the electricity regulator, has again claimed that the moratorium on new gas-fired plant will lead to higher electricity prices.

This is just not borne out by facts. Over the past eight years, coal prices have fallen in real terms by more than 50 per cent, whereas electricity prices have fallen by less than half that, despite the huge increase in gas-fired generation.

The extra competition has therefore had no effect whatsoever. In fact the opposite is true. It is the high prices resulting from the electricity pool that have attracted so much unnecessary new investment which the customer has had to pay for.

What is needed are changes to the way the electricity market works which will ensure that low coal costs and low coal generation costs are passed through as low electricity prices to the customer.

The moratorium on new gas stations protects the customer, not coal.

Once a new electricity market is in place and delivering low electricity prices, the moratorium can be removed. Yours faithfully, DAVID BREWER, Deputy Director-General, The Confederation of United Kingdom Coal Producers, Confederation House, Thornes Office Park, Denby Dale Road, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, WF2 7AN.

### Why does Nationwide ask us to vote against?

From Mr James French  
Sir, in the current Nationwide voting paper "Resolution 4" is a motion that members should have sufficient information and an opportunity to decide whether the building society should convert to plc status or remain mutual.

That is a perfectly reasonable and democratic suggestion — yet the board — running scared? — advises us to vote against. Why? If it is a mutual society, why should not members know and decide? They did decide overwhelmingly last year. I support the maintenance of mutuality and oppose

carpetbagging and Mr Michael Hardern's madcap schemes for putting us all on the Internet.

Nationwide has highlighted existing directors in a blue, yellow and green box and relegated the "other candidates" to a plain black and white box.

If this were the form in a parliamentary or local government election it would rightly be deemed as most unfair.

Yours faithfully, JAMES FRENCH, 3 Dell Lane, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9QE.

### Examining priorities

From Dr K.C. Bass  
Sir, You report (Commentary, June 17) that Professor Charles Goodhart, who is a member of the Monetary Policy Committee, has said that he was busy marking examination papers and he will not be free to

examine the Chancellor's new spending plans until June 19. I am pleased to learn that Professor Goodhart has a correct order of priorities. Yours faithfully, K.C. BASS, City University, Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB.

## READER OFFER THE TIMES

# Exclusive reader evening at the V&A

Readers of *The Times* are invited to an exclusive event at the V&A on Wednesday July 1 at 6.30pm for a private viewing of Photography: An Independent Art. An Introduction to the V&A Collection.

Mark Haworth-Booth, the museum's curator of photography, will give a talk and will be available, together with other members of the photography department, to show readers around the gallery and answer their questions. Readers will be offered two complimentary glasses of wine each.

The V&A opened the Canon Photography Gallery to highlight its world-renowned collection of 300,000 photographs ranging from an 1839 Daguerreotype to classic moderns, including works by Henri Cartier-Bresson and Helen Chadwick.

The paperback edition of *Photography: An Independent Art* by Mark Haworth-Booth will be available, at the evening only, for just £9.50 (normal price £18.95).

Tickets cost £10 and are subject to availability.



Mick Jagger by David Bailey 1964



Academic Study by John Watson 1855

## Canon V&A

The Canon Photography Gallery at the V&A, Cromwell Road, London SW7, is open from 12-noon to 5.45pm Monday and 10am to 5.45pm Tuesday to Sunday.

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CHANGING TIMES

### Ramsden's looks for small fries

By Our City Staff

HARRY RAMSDEN, the quoted fish and chip shop group, is on the lookout for acquisitions and is looking for smaller shops.

John Barnes, chairman, said: "As the only nationally known brand in the fish and chip sector and with brand awareness at an all-time high of 73 per cent, we are actively exploring additional acquisitions in the smaller outlet fish and chip takeaway sector."

Pre-tax profits rose from £201,803 to £229,816 on sales up from £2.52 million to £4.9 million. Earnings fell from 1.5p to 1.1p but the interim dividend remained unchanged at 1p.

On the results, Mr Barnes said: "Recent progress has been constrained by the highest fish costs for seven years, reflecting the unusual weather pattern worldwide."

He said new outlets this year will be opened in Aberdeen and Ipswich. The shares fell 5p to 332½p.

## Ladbroke cements HHC alliance to unify Hilton brand

By Dominic Walsh

LADBROKE, owner of Hilton International, yesterday cemented its marketing alliance with America's Hilton Hotels Corporation (HHC) with the unveiling of a new corporate identity reunifying the Hilton brand after 33 years.

Amid growing speculation of a more formal link-up, the two parties revealed a new logo and marketing strategy that will bring together Ladbroke's 170 hotels in 50 countries and HHC's 240 properties. The new catchphrase is "One world, one Hilton".

Since Hilton was split in half in 1964, the two have only shared a central reservation system, but they now pool resources in areas such as sales and marketing, IT and loyalty programmes. Some \$100 million (£60 million) is being invested in new computer systems and a \$10 million advertising campaign is planned.

"This is not simply about a new logo," said David Jarvis, chief executive of Hilton International. "We've tried to get rid of the general confusion among customers as to what Hilton was and what it represented."

Mr Jarvis was tight-lipped over suggestions of a fully fledged merger, but admitted: "It's our responsibility to look at all sorts of solutions and it would be foolish to say things are forever. But we still believe the alliance has a lot of mileage and there isn't currently the prospect of a merger or takeover."

He refused to be drawn on the cost of the new logo, devised by Enterprise IG, part of the WPP media empire, but said it was "very reasonable". The cost of rebranding hotels would also be minimal as it was intended to implement it in the course of normal refurbishments over 3-4 years. With the exception of land-

mark hotels such as the London Hilton on Park Lane and the Langham Hilton on Portland Place, most hotels will be renamed with the Hilton brand first, for example the Hilton New York.

One area where the two companies have collaborated is on the development of a new mid-market concept, Hilton Garden Inn. HHC has opened half a dozen in the US and has about 100 in the pipeline, while Ladbroke plans to test the concept in Brazil, with the aim of developing it in emerging markets. The concept will not be used in the UK where the four-star Hilton National brand is to be expanded from 22 hotels to 30 over the next five years.

By the end of this year it will have opened 11 five-star Hilton International properties, including the £20 million Belfast Hilton, and has a further 13 hotels, principally management contracts, in the pipeline.



What's in a name? David Jarvis hopes to end public confusion over the Hilton label

### High-value MBOs up 40% in UK

By A Correspondent

THE value of larger management buyouts and buy-ins in the UK was 40 per cent higher in the first half of 1998 than in the second half of last year, according to a survey by KPMG Corporate Finance.

The larger deals, defined as above £10 million, amounted to a record £6.97 billion compared with £4.94 billion in the second six months of 1997.

KPMG said the figures confirmed the most sustained boom in UK buyouts since the survey began ten years ago. Volume has been rising steadily since 1991 and the latest 105 per cent year-on-year increase is the highest growth rate seen since the second half of 1995.

Mike Stevens, head of MBO services at KPMG Corporate Finance, said: "The MBO market in the UK has gone into overdrive."

Mr Stevens said the law of supply and demand dictated returns from MBOs would decline in the future. "But we do not predict a meltdown."

The largest deals so far this year have been Cinven's £860 million buyout of IPC, the magazines group and the £810 million buyout of Wainwrights/BPC backed by Investcorp.

## Hampson flies in the face of metals slump

By Martin Barrow

HAMPSON INDUSTRIES, the engineering company, admitted yesterday that its metals businesses were being affected by volatile prices and the strength of the pound. But the company said buoyant markets in aerospace and precision engineering would more than compensate for this uncertainty.

The company was reporting a rise in underlying pre-tax profits to £10.83 million from £7 million in the year to the end of March. The results exclude an exceptional charge of £1.8 million against restructuring.

Adjusted earnings improved 37 per cent to 6.38p a share.

A final dividend of 2p a share will be paid, lifting the total to 2.65p from 2.45p. The shares fell 1p to 75p.

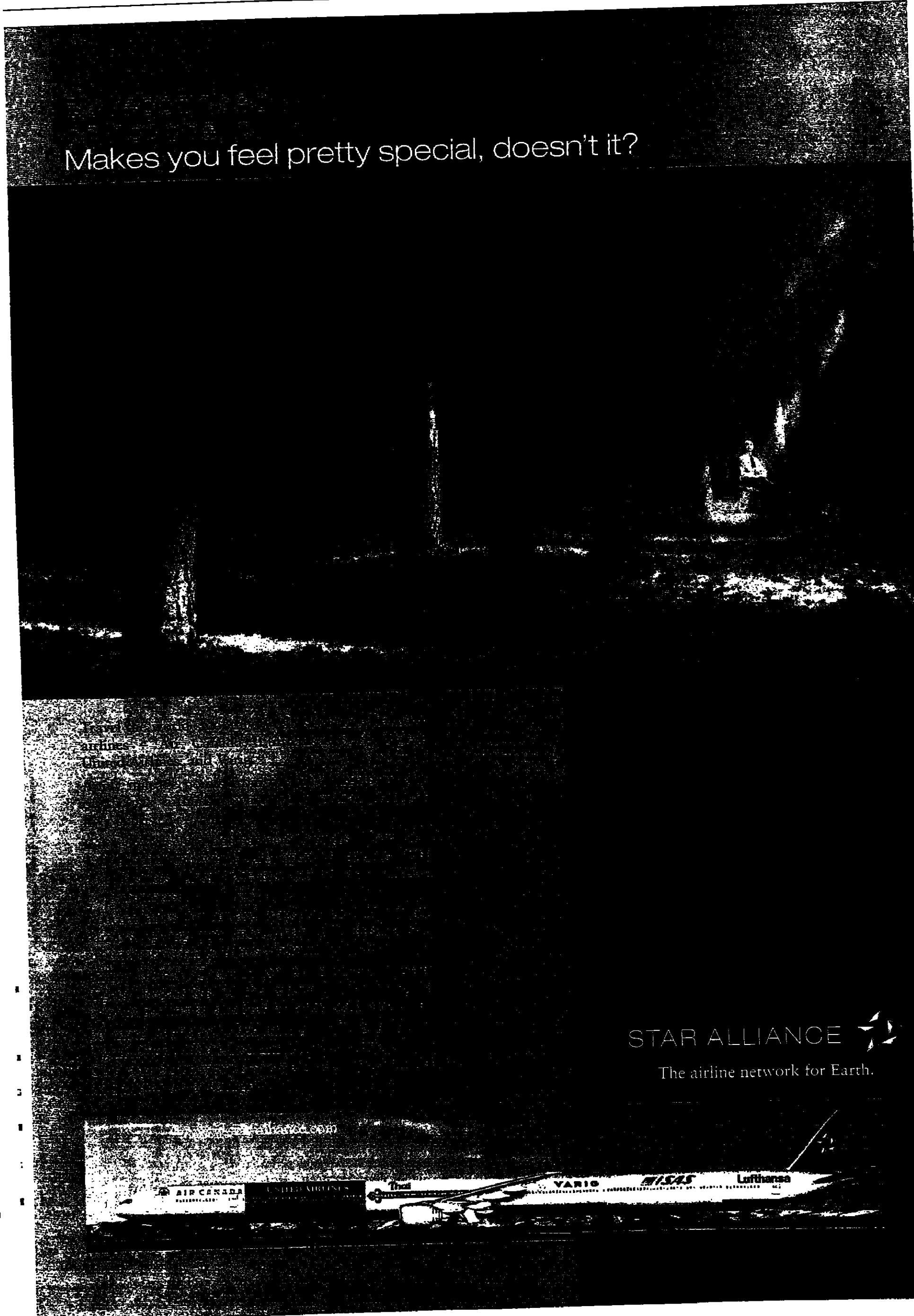
The metals division accounted for £55.9 million out of total sales of £148.4 million from continuing operations,

but contributed just £21 million of profit, down from £28 million previously. By contrast, aerospace engineering earned £5.5 million on sales of £41.1 million and precision engineering £5.12 million on sales of £36.86 million.

Ray Way, chairman, said the metals businesses were affected by the strong pound and volatile metals markets, with depressed prices and demand for alloy ingots. Over the long term, he said, the metals division would generate cash for investment elsewhere in the company but there would be no further acquisitions for this division.

Hampson's aerospace business supplies the airframe and aircraft engine manufacturing industries. The division was expanded via the £10 million acquisition of Attewell Group, a manufacturer of seals and gaskets, in February.

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### Alpha slips on weaker Asia trade

By Martin Barrow

SHARES in Alpha Airports Group, which traded at 122p in mid-May, fell 5½p to 94p yesterday, after the airline services company issued a cautious statement on current trading at its annual meeting.

Rodney Galpin, chairman, said the US market had been affected by a decline in cargo and passenger traffic to and from Asia and was unlikely to show any improvement in the short term. The expiry of the Heathrow management contract, previously announced, would also affect results in the current financial year.

Restructuring measures had all been achieved within the exceptional provisions of £13.9 million charged last year.

### Valeo takes ITT division in £1bn deal

By A Correspondent

AMERICA'S ITT Industries is selling its electrical systems business to Valeo of France, for \$1.7 billion (about £1.01 billion).

The disposal will yield an exceptional profit of \$1.3 billion.

Valeo, an independent industrial group that designs, manufactures and sells car and truck components, is acquiring a business with 12 divisions primarily in Europe and America and about 13,300 employees worldwide. The business sold \$1.9 billion worth of automotive accessories in 1997.

Valeo reported sales of nearly Fr34 billion (about £3.4 billion) in 1997 and employs 36,100 people worldwide.

## Falkland Islands in share scheme

By Our Business Staff

FALKLAND Islands Holdings, the company that operates shops, hotels and port services on the islands, is to set up a free dealing service to try to get rid of its small shareholders.

The company currently has 9,500 shareholders of whom 7,500 hold 100 shares or fewer. It is writing to them with details of a free dealing service for them to dispose of their shares.

Falkland Islands Holdings was set up to acquire the former Anglo United trading interests on the islands. It has reported a maiden profit of £259,000 before tax up to the end of March on sales of £2.465 million.

The figures cover the time from incorporation in August last year to the end of March but the company only actively

traded from January when it acquired the Anglo interests.

The company says that increased activity in the islands and the healthy state of the economy helped retailing and distribution activities although the company faces increased competition. The group suffered from problems in the Far East. The company supplies services to the fishing industry.

Falkland Islands expects to pay its first dividend in October 1999 for the year to the end of March 1999.

The company also expects considerable oil drilling activity over the next two years but believes that it will have a clearer idea of the chances of successful finds by next year.

The shares remained unchanged at 166½p yesterday.

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Continuation of unit trust price table, listing various fund categories and their respective prices.



## Norcros printing division goes up for sale

By ADAM JONES

NORCROS, the company that has been much reorganised and is now concentrating on tiles and showers, has put its Norprint arm up for sale.

The division's printing and packaging products include labels and airline tickets and it made operating profits of £1.3 million on sales of £35.5 million last year, Joe Matthews, chief executive of Norcros, said. "We don't believe it makes strategic sense for us to retain it alongside our existing businesses," Norcros will, however, retain Autotype International, its industrial films company.

Norcros was announcing pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 of £5.5 million, down from £5.2 million last year.

The figures were distorted by a £45.8 million gain on disposals in the previous year and £3.8 million of redundancy, restructuring and property lease charges in 1997-1998. Turnover rose from £24.6 million to £24.4 million.

Norcros said the tiles market showed little growth in the period, with widespread overcapacity. There were losses in the Australian and South African tiles operations and the future of the Australian business is under review. Mr Matthews said the crisis in Asia has had little effect.

Mr Matthews said sales in the Triton shower division will continue to improve as a result of the introduction of a premium-priced electric shower the temperature of which is not affected by someone else drawing water or electricity in the same house. Profits from the adhesives arm fell after increased market competition and disruption caused by two businesses amalgamating.

Earnings per share fell from 30.1p to 1.4p. Excluding exceptional items, they rose from 5.5p to 6.6p. A final 1.2p per share will be paid as a foreign income dividend, making a total of 2.3p (2p) for the year.

# American says BA links will continue to develop

FROM JON ASHWORTH IN DALLAS

AMERICAN AIRLINES hopes to pursue a global partnership with British Airways whatever the outcome of alliance negotiations.

Don Carty, chairman and chief executive of American, signalled his intention to press on with some form of agreement with BA whatever the demands of regulators in Brussels and Washington.

Speaking at American's headquarters at Dallas/Fort Worth airport, Mr Carty conceded that the regulatory price for the alliance might prove unacceptable. However, he emphasised: "That doesn't mean that we and British Airways don't see ourselves as global allies in some other form."

American, he said, regarded BA as "our long-term partner" and he described the BA link as a "linchpin" of its international expansion strategy, particularly with respect to Europe, where it suffers from the lack of an onward feeder network.

However, Mr Carty acknowledged that the terms being thrashed out with the regulators could ultimately prove too high.

He said BA and American were prepared to walk away from the alliance but not from the ground they already enjoyed in the form of shared frequent-flyer programmes and in the co-ordination of some services.

Karel Van Miert, the European Competition Commissioner, is expected to call for BA and American to divest 260 to 280 slots at Heathrow as the price for approving their alliance. The measures are intended to weaken BA-American's dominance of Heathrow, where they command 42 per cent of available slots.

In an eleven-hour



Flying the flag: Don Carty with Bob Ayling, chief executive of BA

## Warning on profits wipes 180p off KBC's share price

By GEORGE SIVELL

SHARES in KBC Advanced Technologies, the oil services group, collapsed from 400p to 220p yesterday after a profits warning.

The shares were placed at 195p by Cazenove, the stockbrokers, in March 1997 and rose to a recent high of 430p. The company specialises in helping oil refineries to improve their efficiency.

Yesterday, however, Michael Press, the chairman, gave a warning that trading conditions during the first six months of 1998 had been less favourable than at the start of the year.

Mr Press blamed the consolidation and restructuring in the North American refining market, coupled with the sharp fall in oil prices. KBC expects that half-year results will be marginally below those for 1997 but that full-year results will be "materially below current market expectations".

KBC said in a statement: "The downstream industry in North America continues to undergo significant restructuring and consolidation driven by competition. While this is a positive trend for the group in the longer term, the evaluation and implementation of organisational and structural changes in enlarged refining groups has deferred profit improvement programmes at American refineries."

Around half of KBC sales come from the North American market. The company was established in 1979 by Krikor Krikorian, John Brice and Peter Close, who, while working for big oil companies, saw a need for an independent consulting organisation to help refiners improve their efficiency.

Under normal circumstances KBC can help an oil company save between 20 cents and 75 cents for each barrel of oil refined.

## Aviva unveils terms of Garnet oil merger

AVIVA PETROLEUM, the Dallas oil and gas exploration company quoted in London, yesterday revealed terms of its merger with Garnet Resources, another oil explorer. The companies share interests in the same Colombian oil properties that together will total 3.3 million barrels. Aviva said that shareholders of Garnet will receive one share of Aviva common stock for each ten shares of Garnet common stock that they hold. Garnet shareholders holding fewer than 1,000 garnet shares will receive cash.

Completion of the merger is planned to take place during the third quarter of this year and is subject to various contingencies including the execution of a definitive credit agreement and the approval of the merger by the shareholders of Aviva and Garnet.

## Caldeburn resignation

STEPHEN THOMSON has resigned as chief executive of Caldeburn, the office furniture company, after "a difference of opinion over the strategic development of the group", it was announced yesterday. Oliver Chapple, a non-executive director, will take over the post from September 1. He is currently chief executive of Nintech, a business development organisation. Mr Thomson was appointed in 1996. The shares fell 2p to 45½p yesterday.

## Calluna's £6.2m setback

CALLUNA, the electronic equipment group, clocked up a £6.2 million loss for the year to March 31 on sales up from £2.2 million to £6.6 million. Operating charges rose from £7.3 million to £12.9 million, although losses per share slipped from 8.4p to 7.3p because of a rights issue in December. The shares rose from 28½p to 29½p. On prospects, Calluna said that current trading is strong with sales in each of April, May and June topping £1 million. It added that the rest of the year remained critical.

## Irish group buys ferry

IRISH Continental Group, the ferry company, has acquired a high-speed ferry for \$40 million (£24 million) for use on the Dublin-Holyhead service from summer 1999. The catamaran, to be built by Austal Ships, of Western Australia, will have a capacity for 800 passengers and 200 cars and will have a service speed of 45mph. The new ferry will operate up to eight single sailings per day with a crossing time of two hours. The acquisition will be funded from internally generated funds and bank facilities.

## Lepco rights issue

LEPCO, the AIM-listed oil explorer, is to raise £1.2 million through a two-for-five rights issue at 40p to provide additional working capital. The shares fell 5p to 42½p in response. Earnings fell from 3.5p to 0.73p. Once again there is no dividend. Pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 reached £80,000 on sales of £2.8 million. The company said that it intends to continue its strategy of buying and producing gas assets, although it warned the market that the low oil price would affect results for 1998.

## Court of Appeal

### Core bundle duty reinforced

**Ata and Another v American Express Bank Ltd**  
Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Brooke  
[Judgment June 17]

Legal advisers were obliged to provide a core bundle in accordance with Practice Direction (Court of Appeal: Procedure) (1998) 1 WLR 1941 since failure to do so disabled the court from undertaking a constructive and fruitful pre-reading of the basic material on which the appeal turned.

The Court of Appeal so stated as a postscript to a reserved judgment when dismissing an appeal brought by the plaintiffs, Dr Ali Abdel Ghani Ata and his wife, Sohair Hassan against the judgment of Mr Justice Rix on October 7, 1996 when he rejected in their entirety a large number of claims brought by them against the defendant, American Express Bank Ltd.

Mr Nicholas Padfield, QC and Mr Dominic Chambers for the

plaintiffs: Mr Andrew Hochhauser, QC and Mr Martin Griffiths for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said that the conduct of the case by the plaintiffs' advisers during the preparatory stages up to the start of the hearing on Tuesday April 28, 1998 raised a number of disturbing features.

The appeal was estimated to last eleven to 12 days, when in fact the argument lasted less than two working days. That was due to the plaintiffs' abandonment of various challenges.

It was a matter of acute concern that that was communicated to the defendant's counsel only on the evening of Friday April 24 and to their Lordships in a supplementary skeleton argument on Monday April 27 after their Lordships had undertaken a substantial body of preparatory work.

The material furnished for that exercise comprised 12 huge bundles marked "core bundles", together with more than 20 daily transcripts of the trial.

The failure to provide a proper

core bundle in defiance of the rules set out in Part II of the Practice Direction (at pp1202-3) disabled the court from undertaking a constructive and fruitful pre-reading of the basic material on which the appeal turned.

From June 1997 onwards the defendant's solicitors were constantly and unsuccessfully pressing the plaintiffs' solicitors for an identification of the real issues at stake.

In February 1998 an amended notice of appeal was served, but that only corrected typographical errors, and left the original 50 grounds intact. It was only following the lunch adjournment on the first day of the hearing in the Court of Appeal that the drastically pruned re-amended notice of appeal was provided, at the court's instant demand.

The defendant's solicitors also put forward other constructive suggestions which were rejected by the plaintiffs' solicitors, namely the setting up of a pre-trial hearing before a single Lord Justice, and

the provision of skeleton arguments sequentially.

His Lordship had no doubt that if a pre-trial hearing had been held, as it should have been, orders would have been made for a proper core bundle to be prepared in accordance with the Practice Direction and also for sequential skeleton arguments.

It was also by no means unlikely that in the course of such a preliminary hearing it would have become apparent, well in advance of the substantive hearing, that the true scope of the appeal was far narrower than appeared from the notice of appeal itself, with a great saving of costs, particularly in the preparation of the skeleton arguments, both of which in their original form addressed all 50 original grounds.

Those were all serious shortcomings which parries in pending Court of Appeal cases should in future strive to avoid.

Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Brooke agreed.

Solicitors: Richards Butler, Glovers.

**Gerald v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis**  
Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Auld and Lord Justice Buxton  
[Judgment June 10]

Damages for fear and anxiety falling short of injury should be awarded as aggravated rather than basic damages.

In awarding damages for police assault, it was not an aggravating feature that the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis had failed to institute disciplinary proceedings against the officers involved as he was entitled to rely on their denial of any wrongdoing and defend civil proceedings for assault.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the defendant, the commissioner, against the decision of Judge Hardy and a jury at Central London County Court on July 18, 1996 to award the plaintiff, Trevor Gerald, £125,000 damages for assault, false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. The

award was reduced to £50,000. In 1990 the plaintiff was charged with, and convicted of, two offences of assaulting a police officer in the execution of his duty. His appeal against conviction was allowed by Knightsbridge Crown Court in 1991. He then commenced his civil action against the police.

Mr Colin Challenger for the commissioner; Mr Ben Emmerson for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE AULD, giving the judgment of the court, said that the plaintiff had argued that basic damages for the assault must include an element to reflect the trauma, in the sense of fear and anxiety falling short of injury, resulting from such conduct.

He distinguished trauma from factors such as mental distress in the form of humiliation and affront to dignity, for which aggravated damages provided compensation.

In the court's view, the proper and most convenient place for such an award, if any, was under the heading of aggravated damages. That avoided the risk of double or, if exemplary damages were also

being considered, treble counting. The role of aggravated damages was to compensate for additional harm other than physical or mental injury resulting from the manner of the wrong, whatever its nature. That included humiliation or affront to dignity, but was not confined to those features.

Trauma falling short of physical or mental injury fell conveniently and more appropriately into the category of aggravated damages rather than as a surcharge on basic damages, especially now that a jury in assessing aggravated and, to a lesser extent, exemplary damages was required to measure them against basic damages.

In addition, such trauma might not be measurably different whether the insult to the body was accidental, for example, an impending car crash, or deliberate, for example, an unexpected blow from behind.

In relation to aggravated damages, an additional matter relied on by the plaintiff against the commissioner personally was that he had not instituted any disci-

plinary proceedings against the officers concerned.

However, the plaintiff had never invoked the procedure provided for that purpose under Part IX of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. Although the commissioner could possibly have referred the matter to the Police Complaints Authority on his own initiative under section 88 of that Act, the earliest time to do so would have been after the plaintiff's successful appeal to the crown court. By then, or shortly after, the plaintiff had notified his civil claim for damages.

The commissioner's conduct in not making such a reference at that stage and in defending the claim was not an aggravating factor. Notwithstanding the plaintiff's successful appeal against conviction, he was entitled to rely on his officers' continuing insistence on their truthfulness and to seek their vindication in the civil proceedings.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police; B. M. Birnberg & Co, Camden.

## Apprehended breach must be imminent

**Foulkes v Chief Constable of Merseyside Police**  
Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Schiemann and Lord Justice Thorpe  
[Judgment June 9]

Where no breach of the peace had taken place in his presence but a constable exercised his power of arrest because he feared a future breach of the peace, such apprehended breach must be about to occur or be imminent.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Trevor or Foulkes against the dismissal of his claim, by Mr Assistant Recorder Ellery in Liverpool County Court on May 2, 1997, that his arrest by PC Mc-

Namara of Merseyside Police on December 21, 1994, outside his home, on the ground that the police officer feared a breach of the peace if he did not do so, was unlawful.

Mr Nigel J. Ley for Mr Foulkes; Miss Anne Whyte for the chief constable.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that after a family argument Mr Foulkes had been locked out of his home. He called the police and an officer spoke to members of his family. Mr Foulkes was advised to leave the immediate vicinity for a short while but refused to do so.

Following his arrest his wife made a statement including that she wished him to be brought before a magistrate to be bound

over but later withdrew that suggestion.

In *Albert v Lavin* [1982] AC 546, 565 Lord Diplock said: "Every citizen in whose presence a breach of the peace is being, or reasonably appears to be about to be, committed has the right to take reasonable steps to make the person who is breaking or threatening to break the peace refrain from doing so and those reasonable steps in appropriate cases will include detaining him against his will."

In his Lordship's view, the words used by Lord Diplock and other authorities showed that where no breach of the peace had taken place in his presence but a constable exercised his power of arrest because he feared a further

breach, such apprehended breach must be imminent.

PC McNamara acted with the best intentions. He had tried persuasion but the plaintiff refused to be persuaded or accept the sensible guidance he had been given but that was not a sufficient basis on which to conclude that a breach of the peace was about to occur or be imminent.

There must be a sufficient real and present threat to the peace to justify the extreme step of depriving of his liberty a citizen who was not at the time acting unlawfully.

Lord Justice Schiemann agreed and Lord Justice Thorpe gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Reay & Co, Liverpool; Weighmans, Liverpool.

## Applying price/earnings ratio to damages

**Senate Electrical Wholesalers Ltd v Alcatel Submarine Networks Ltd (formerly STC Submarine Systems Ltd)**  
Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice Hutchison  
[Judgment June 22]

In order to assess damages for breach of warranty or the sale of assets or goodwill in business by applying a price/earnings ratio to the difference between the warranted profit and the actual profit, either the original price had to have been calculated on a price/earnings basis or the valuation experts had to agree that price/earnings was the proper basis for assessment.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of Alcatel Submarine Networks Ltd and dismissing the cross-appeal of Senate Electrical Wholesalers Ltd against an order of Mr Justice May of December 20, 1996.

Following the sale by Alcatel of an electrical business to Senate involving the sale of the assets and goodwill, Senate was awarded damages for breach of warranty.

Mr Richard Field, QC and Mr Kenneth Maclean for Senate; Mr Michael Lyndon-Stuart for QC and Mr Stephen Smith for Alcatel.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, giving the judgment of the court, said, in dismissing the cross-appeal, that there was nothing

calculated on a price/earnings basis or the experts were agreed that it was the proper basis for assessment.

In the present case, the judge rejected the assertion that the price was calculated on that basis. That would not necessarily be fatal to the adoption of a price/earnings calculation to assess damages.

There might be cases where it was appropriate to do so, even if the original price was not so calculated, particularly if that was the agreed approach of the valuation experts. In the present case the judge was correct to reject Senate's case as to the method of calculation of damages.

Solicitors: Ashurst Morris Crisp; Lovell White Durrant.

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## Wit and warmth and rock and roll

### NEW POP ALBUMS

**IAN DURY & THE BLOCKHEADS**  
*Mr Love Plants*  
Ronnie Harris Records/RMG  
DJRI, £15.49  
WHAT joy to welcome Ian Dury & the Blockheads back into the fold, especially given the 1990s vogue for pop stars parading their own vainglorious egos or else whining on endlessly about the misery and unfairness of it all (and sometimes both). Dury, who at the age of 56 has had cancer of the colon and liver diagnosed, has clearly not had the best of times in recent months. But his new album, the first to be recorded with the Blockheads in 17 years, is a collection so rich in comic narrative detail, discreet musical flair and simple human warmth that it could easily pass muster as the work of a man in his prime.

John Turnbull and natty saxophone chops of Davey Payne. But, as ever, it is the exquisitely witty wordplay, half-spoken in that familiar cockney croak by the man who coined the phrase "Sex & Drugs & Rock & Roll", which dominates and delights. There is a wistful quality to *The Passing Show* and *Heavy Living*, songs which offer gently humorous reflections on the passing of the years. But the buoyant spirit of the album as a whole is more accurately reflected by *Cacka Boom*, a song which offers certain failsafe prescriptions for coping in life, including the sage advice: "If you're dozy here's a tactic/Tell 'em all they're too didactic".

**DARIO G**  
*Sunmachine*  
Eternal/WEA 3984-23378,  
£13.99  
ONE OF the innumerable acts to cash in on World Cup fever, Dario G are the group responsible for *Carnaval de Paris*, the stridently jolly slice of ethno-dance music which has popped up on singles charts all over Europe. Incorporating instruments from every country taking part in the competition (bagpipes, panpipes, steel drums, et al) to forge a kind of instant musical Esperanto, it is a number firmly rooted in the tradition of faceless, one-hit Eurodance acts. But despite their anonymous instincts, Dario G have managed to forge an identity and an album that offers the promise of more substantial success. They are an Anglo-Welsh trio of producer-musicians, two of them coincidentally named Paul Spencer and one Scott Rosser. And their debut album, *Sunmachine*, also boasts last year's million-selling dance hit *Sunshine*, together with a

lengthy selection of summer-friendly techno grooves. While these include an unusually cosmopolitan blend of tones and textures — didgeridoo, tablas, the London Community Gospel Choir, a (sampled) vocal by David Bowie — none is likely to test their audience's powers of comprehension.

lacking in contemporary bite. When he injects a slightly harder edge into songs such as *Zoomin'* and *Someday*, he wanders into territory that Eric Clapton explores on his current album, *Pilgrim*, and there is a tentative excursion into the field of rap on *To The Rhythm*. But for the most part, the banal lyrics ("Tell her you love her/Tell her you'll always be there") and suffocatingly genteel arrangements offer little cheer.



Ahead of his pier group: Ian Dury has produced his first album with the Blockheads for 17 years, and it's a cracker

**LIONEL RICHIE**  
*Time*  
Mercury 558 518, £15.99  
ALTHOUGH a prodigiously talented songwriter and an infallibly entertaining live act, Lionel Richie tends to let himself down in the recording studio. On *Time*, he once again indulges his weakness for schmaltzy soul ballads of the type that rely on a sighing vocal tone and overstimulated clusters of wind chimes, to produce an album that is buffed to sonic perfection but

**OUTSIDE**  
*Sus'icious*  
Dorado/Pinnacle DORO69,  
£14.99  
HE ONCE planned to be a rocket scientist, but Matt Cooper became a classically trained musician instead. Now a highly accomplished

pianist and multi-instrumentalist, he is in the vanguard of an elite squad of performers (see also Matt Winn of D\*Note) who have taken the skilled musicianship and improvising impulses of jazz and planted them in the heart of dance/club culture. *Sus'icious* is the fourth album which Cooper has recorded with his writing partner and keyboard player Andreas Allen, trading under the Outside brand, and although there is a fair amount of mystical waffle there are some blissful piano themes and jazzy, hip-hop funk grooves at its core. *Transmigration*, with its fidgety drum track, and the beautifully sparse piano motifs of *Incident* find Cooper still reaching for the stars.

loach of Echo and the Bunnymen and the Smiths' Johnny Marr announced they were working together on an album, the people who get excited about these kinds of things — me and Ian McCulloch — got very excited.

## Legend of the albums that time forgot

When fans of Aztec Camera gather, talk soon turns to their lost songs

One day I shall compile an album of lost songs, and retire, wealthier even than Baddiel, Skinner and the Lightning Seeds. There are dozens of abandoned singles out there, vaulted and dusty. Lost singles have a peculiar, Arthurian quality to them; the sense that they could rise again at any minute and poke your eye out on *The Chart Show*.

Aztec Camera once made a record called *Green Jacket Grey*, a dizzy strum that tugs and soars as you'd expect from Roddy Frame when he was a teenage genie from East Kilbride. Now it's a booming, hissy hum on a bootleg tape, still able to stop conversation, but free and weightless without a history. Ditto Radiohead's *Killer Cars* — one of about eight songs recorded and rerecorded by the band in the throes of their legendary post-debut-album panic attack. Once pencilled in as the song to slay the albatross that was *Creep*, *Killer Cars* now languishes alongside the other remnants of those sessions on a B-side to some long-deleted single taken from *The Bends*. It kicks like an FM donkey: coming across such a surtable roar in such an inauspicious corner is rather like triumphantly finding gold, myrrh and pearls rucked up at £2.99 in Somersfield.

However, both these singles come from lost albums, and a lost album is an altogether more mournable affair. Lost albums are lost time — all bands' careers are an exercise in communication; a succession of postcards to the world which, when viewed as a whole, combine to form a narrative. Accordingly, when an album disappears, the time it chronicles disappears too: and for fans of the band, there is a gap where music should have been. Aztec Camera's debut album was to be called after their lost debut single, *Green Jacket Grey*, and even appeared as a forthcoming event on the sleeves of their records on Postcard, their first label. But when Postcard folded, *Green Jacket Grey* disappeared, and only fragments of it have been found: the title track and the very beautiful *Real Tears*, which shows that Frame was fighting off the verdigris of massive Joy Division and Love obsessions to find his own bronze. Blur disciples still speak in hushed tones about the clutch of sessions produced by XTC's

Andy Partridge before work began on the career-saving *Modern Life is Rubbish*. Little is known about these songs other than the existence of an aborted single called *Never Clever*. Merseyside's second-finest, the La's, were notorious squanderers of their gold: they spent so long on their debut album that their record company had to break into their studio, steal the tapes and release whatever they found. Bassist John Power left the band to form Cast; and the La's singer/songwriter, Lee Mavers, disappeared from the face of the earth, along with the tapes of the second album. Every so often, some starry-eyed stranger claims to have heard it: six hit singles, apparently. Harmonies to die for. And all mythic and lost, like Kublai Khan; or the letter Lenny Henry sent me when I was ten that I left on the bus. Of course, there are instances where one can only offer thanks to God that certain albums up-ended and vanished under the waves. When Ian McCulloch of Echo and the Bunnymen and the Smiths' Johnny Marr announced they were working together on an album, the people who get excited about these kinds of things — me and Ian McCulloch — got very excited.



CAITLIN MORAN

After months of speculation came an announcement that had mysteriously disappeared, leaving a collection of thought-bubbles over the bedposts of Britain that read: "Oh nooo. I am upset. I will stare out of my window for a while." Pause. "Oh ho ho. Pigeons. They're so funny." Still, I am making light of a very traumatic event — or an event that was traumatic until one of the lost McCulloch/Marr tracks rose from the dead recently. And, as anyone who's felt their cornflakes turn to ash and rain in their mouths at the sound of England United's *Top of the World* will verify, that particular album could have made like the Babes in the Wood until the end of time. Jean-Michel Jarre has a lost album, too. In 1981, he made an album of entirely new material and pressed up just one copy to sell to the highest bidder — the rationale being that the great painters make only one copy of their works of art. Alas though, nobody remembers. Frankly, some streams of rock DNA deserve to become extinct.

### TOP TEN ALBUMS

- (2) *Talk on Corners*.....Corrs (Atlantic)
- (1) *Blues*.....Simply Red (East West)
- (3) *When We Were the New Boys...Red Stewart* (Warner)
- (6) *Life Thru a Lens*.....Robbie Williams (Chrysalis)
- (5) *Five*.....Five (RCA)
- (4) *The Good Will Out*.....Embrace (Hut)
- (13) *Postcards from Heaven*Lighthouse Family (Wild Card)
- (8) *Urban Hymns*.....Verve (Hut)
- (15) *My Way — The Best of*.....Frank Sinatra (RCA)
- (7) *Left of the Middle*.....Natalie Imbruglia (RCA)

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AT ALL GOOD RECORD SHOPS

## Proudly bearing the ska

How did a British band called Jazz Jamaica come to revive a parent of reggae? Clive Davis asks the band's leader, Gary Crosby

Ska is the good-time sound from Jamaica that never faded away. Most people in this country first became aware of it more than 30 years ago when a singer called Millie Small arrived from nowhere with a version of an infectious R&B tune, *My Boy Lollipop*. Having set Chris Blackwell's Island label on the road to world domination, Small sank back into obscurity and ska was eventually edged aside by its mellow child, reggae. But its bright, up-tempo melodies lingered on, adopted first by mods and then, curiously enough, by skinheads. Then, in the late 1970s, all of a sudden it was back in vogue again, thanks to the Specials and Madness.

Its Nineties champions are Britain's Jazz Jamaica. Their leader, the double-bass player Gary Crosby, just happens to be the nephew of Ernest Ranglin, the veteran guitarist who wrote the hit arrangement of *My Boy Lollipop*. So the music has come full circle. In fact, when the band toured Jamaica last year they gave workshops at Alpha Boys' School, a renowned Catholic orphanage which has produced countless musicians over the years, among them the core members of the most durable of ska bands, the Skatalites. Jazz Jamaica's new album, *Double Barrel*, evokes all the sassy virtues of

their concerts — bright, infectious rhythms and buoyant horn arrangements featuring trombonist Dennis Rollins and trumpeter Eddie "Tan Tan" Thornton. There is a thoroughly eclectic choice of material, ranging from *I Heard It Through the Grapevine* to a Charlie Parker number, *Dewey Square*. The R&B element builds on ska's origins as an offshoot of American dance music with the accent shifted towards the off-beat. Listen to an album such as *That Man is Forward* by Rico Rodriguez, the Jamaican trombonist who played in an early line-up of Jazz Jamaica, and you are as likely to hear a Lionel Hampton swing theme as a reggae standard.

As a former member of the Jazz Warriors, the Eighties big band headed by saxophonist Courtney Pine, Crosby sees his group, formed in 1991, as a natural progression. "It wasn't as if we sat down with this plan to mix styles," he says. "I'm of Jamaican parentage and I've always played jazz. We are the first second-generation to carry on this particular tradition. It's very unusual for young black people to look back at their roots. They've been sold down the road of the quicker, the cheap, the nasty, the biggest, the baddest. Sometimes I get the feeling that

reggae journalists see us playing at a reggae festival and wonder what these jazz guys are doing. But we have deep roots in this music. We have more cred in it than even Ziggy Marley."

If Jazz Jamaica grew out of the members' backgrounds, it has also reflected a determination to take the rudiments of jazz to a neophyte audience. Crosby does most of his more adventurous straight-ahead playing in his other band, Nu Troop, and he has done his share of public-spirited committee work. But he concludes that, although jazz musicians deserve more Arts Council funding, they could do more to make life easier for themselves.

How do you get more people to listen to musicians improvising? "In Jazz Jamaica we feel we had to meet them halfway," he says. "A lot of jazz musicians in this country think that, just because they are jazz musicians that gives them the right to go on the stage and do anything. They don't talk to the audience, they're not dressed properly. I've talked to a lot of promoters who tell me that some of the musicians can't be bothered to promote themselves. So it's not the music that creates the problem, it's the lack of business acumen."



Jazz Jamaica, the Britons with more Caribbean roots than Ziggy Marley

Now 43, Crosby was one of the older, wiser heads in the Jazz Warriors collective, which did so much to draw young, streetwise musicians into jazz. He now runs an updated line-up, Tomorrow's Warriors, recruiting young players at jam sessions and workshops. There used to be a certain degree of unease in jazz circles that the Warriors Mark One were an all-black band. On the other side of the divide stood the Loose Tubes orchestra who, in the early days at least, had no black members. Tomorrow's Warriors is a more racially mixed

venture, and Crosby finds that the wave of black players learning their craft today has a broader outlook. "They haven't come up with the need that we had to have our own identity. My age-group wasn't proud to have been born in Britain. If England were playing Brazil at football, we'd support Brazil. But today's generation, like my son, supports England. And that's good."

Jazz Jamaica appear at Watermans Arts Centre, Brentford (0181-568 1176) tonight, 10.30pm, and the Islington Festival, Upper St, London N1 tomorrow. *Double Barrel* is released by Hannibal

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Our £15,000-a-week footballers fall at the first real hurdle in the World Cup, while (even truer to form) their gnat-brained "fans" set the pace in high-street trashing. We have no world-class athletes. Each year, British punters pour billions into sport. Where does the money go? Certainly not into making champions.

A year ago we thought our pop industry was world-beating. Now, suddenly, festivals are being cancelled, record labels folding. Our TV sitcoms once made the world laugh. Now even British viewers prefer *Friends* and *Frasier*. British circuses once blazed the excitement of the ring across the globe. Now they are lawdy clichés, while chic

French and Canadian outfits earn millions on worldwide tours.

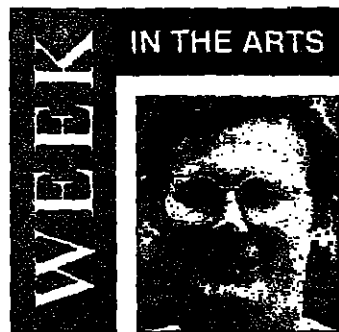
And so it goes on, in "real life" as in showbiz. Our envied National Health Service is now deemed "unaffordable" in the long term. Free university education is unaffordable. Free museums are unaffordable. The Royal Opera House is unaffordable, with knobs on. Local libraries? You guessed it. Youth orchestras? Regional theatres? Come off it. For a rich little country, there seems to be a hell of a lot we now can't afford.

Even providing decent transport in our capital is apparently beyond our means or wit. The Tube — revolutionary in its prime (the late 19th century) — is a derelict disgrace, a shameful induction into modern Britain for thousands of tourists. Yet nobody in power can be bothered with it, perhaps because nobody in power travels on it. Instead, they drift on wings of whimsy towards a luscious £750

million irrelevance called the Millennium Dome. Oh yes, we can afford that. Priorities, dear boy.

Well, enough said. From hip-hop to hop, skip and jump, from opera to railways, we are slipping into the relegation zone. It's bleakly amusing, I suppose, that this of all Governments is so obsessed with "images" — should find itself presiding over such a gloomy parade of national mediocrity. But that's as far as consolation goes.

Or is it? The biggest factor holding back British success in so many areas has been our unwillingness to invest in the future. One reaps what one sows. How much sporting humiliation suffered by the British today is due to the reckless sale of school playing-fields in the 1980s? Conversely, how much does the pre-eminence of French circus or Russian opera singers owe to those countries' investment in top-quality training? The answer is nearly everything.



RICHARD MORRISON

Now at last come signs that this lesson has been digested. This week Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, launched the Youth Music Trust to boost music tuition around the country. It certainly won't repair all the damage caused by the insane expulsion of music

from the mandatory primary school curriculum and the withdrawal of instrumental services by so many local authorities. But with £10 million of lottery money to spend each year, plus promised private sponsorship and a high-powered bunch of trustees including Simon Rattle, Elton John and the inevitable Mick Hucknall, it might achieve a little.

There's more. Last Monday another ambitious new organisation, Action for Children's Arts, was inaugurated at the National Theatre by Trevor Nunn and other luminaries. It aims to showcase kids' arts, primarily through an annual week-long festival. But so far it lacks sponsors. Cameron Mackintosh paid for the launch, but can't be expected to foot the whole bill. It deserves support.

Also announced this week is Raw Talent, a new youth arts festival (sponsored by NCP) for Leicester — particularly impor-

tant, given the ethnic diversity of that city and its lowly cultural profile. Meanwhile, in Warwick, building starts next Monday on the Dream Factory, a £2.7 million theatre complex for young people. A few days after that the Royal Court mounts a festival of plays written by London teenagers, the climax of a year's work in schools.

There are many similar new schemes around. In fact the Arts Council says that 400 lottery-funded capital projects — worth £200 million in all — will directly benefit youngsters.

Undoubtedly some will be a waste of time. But many won't. The important point is that they represent a sea-change in attitude. If Britain is to regain its place in the sun, it will not be the present underwhelming generation of performers and sportsmen that achieves it, but the kids now in

primary schools. Cultivate their enthusiasm, knowledge and talent, and you are safeguarding the future of art and sport in Britain.

That seems such an obvious truth. Yet for decades we practised precisely the opposite. Rich sports like football and tennis were disgracefully slow to plough money into grassroots training. Theatre and music professionals had less money to plough, but were often too complacent or too selfish to share even their time and expertise with youngsters.

Thank goodness that this myopic attitude is discredited. It will take years to make good the gaping holes in arts and sports training. But I have hopes of living long enough to see Britain produce a rugby team to smash New Zealand, a lady gymnast to out-vault those silly little Russian toddlers, an opera house and orchestras that bring Viennese tourists flocking to London, acrobats to send the bumptious Cirque du Soleil packing, and a British TV sitcom that makes me laugh. A seat on the Northern Line before I die would be nice too.

# From the tortured soul of a master

**GALLERIES:** The National Gallery's stunning show of Caravaggio's, reviewed by Isabel Carlisle

One of the most perfect exhibitions in London at the moment has only three paintings, all religious masterpieces by Caravaggio. The *raison d'être* is the loan of *The Flagellation of Christ* from Rouen to the National Gallery while the Musée des Beaux-Arts there is closed for building work. The *Flagellation* (identified as by Caravaggio only in 1960) is hung on the wall facing you as you enter Room 1, with the National Gallery's own *Supper at Emmaus* on the left-hand wall and *Salome Receives the Head of John the Baptist* (a late work) on the right. The walls have been painted a deep terracotta red and the information panels kept to a minimum, creating a sombre mood that reinforces the paintings' tragedy and the haunting strangeness of the *Emmaus* scene.

Caravaggio painted two versions of *The Flagellation of Christ* between 1606 and 1607 (the second is in the Capodimonte Museum in Naples). In both he chooses the moment in which Christ, imprisoned and awaiting trial, is tied to a marble column as his torturer readies himself to strike the first blow. In the Rouen painting, Christ's hairless, muscular torso twists away from the lash, fully illuminated in a light that slices sideways into the murky dark of the prison cell. The dramatic realism with which Caravaggio painted, and which proved such a potent influence on Western art, was shocking to his contemporaries. This scene, probably painted just after Caravaggio's flight to Naples in 1606 after he killed a man in a quarrel over a game of rackets, has a crucifixion of dangerous beauty.

Yet in this airless, cramped place, evidently no more than a few feet deep, the central figure of the guard has his arms fully extended in both directions: one holds Christ's hair as the other raises the leather strap. Gestures are all the more eloquent on a constricted stage in which space is measured out by human limbs and not by architecture. In *The Supper at Emmaus* (of 1601), showing the moment at which the



Agony and ecstasy: the dangerous beauty of Caravaggio's *The Flagellation of Christ*, now on loan to the National Gallery from the Musée des Beaux-Arts in Rouen

Disciples recognise Christ as He breaks the bread, the arms of the disciple sitting sideways to us on the right fling wide to define a depth of roughly seven feet.

As no drawings survive that can with certainty be attributed to Caravaggio, we can only guess at how he composed these intricately orchestrated scenes. Possibly he posed his models, setting up *tableaux vivants* as Derek Jarman suggested in his film. There is a

clue in the Rouen picture, which has incised lines around the heads of the three figures. These were probably made into the still-wet ground of the painting, perhaps to mark the positions of the models.

Certainly Caravaggio's visual acuity was little short of genius, but it was that of a knowing, even self-disgusted, genius whose facility with paint mocked a succession of personal tragedies. His fellow artist Karel van Mander wrote in 1604:

"He does not devote himself continuously to study but, when he has worked for a couple of weeks, loafs around for a month or two and goes from one ball game to another, always ready to pick a quarrel and come to blows." After his exile from Rome, under sentence of death, Caravaggio was constantly on the move, from Naples to Messina and Malta and back to Naples. In 1610, expecting a pardon, he sailed back up the coast to Porto Ercole. There

he was arrested in a case of mistaken identity. Once released, he fell ill and died a few days later.

The increasingly bleak style of Caravaggio's late work, his fascination with decapitation and death, are all present in *Salome Receives the Head of John the Baptist*, painted between 1609 and 1610. Salome, at whose request the Baptist was killed, turns away as the executioner lowers the head on to the gold plate she is holding. Her

triumph is less sweet in reality than in anticipation. In all three paintings the avoidance of eye-contact between figures sets up feelings of isolation and psychological disjunction.

If any evidence were needed that Caravaggio's influence lives on today, look at the paintings of Lucian Freud.

● Caravaggio: *The Flagellation of Christ* is at the National Gallery (0171-747 3885) until Aug 9. Admission free

# Musical mission fulfilled

When you hear the Mingus Big Band in full flight, the great bassist/composer's passionate music roaring through Ronnie Scott's, it is easy to forget that the whole project began with a one-month contract at the Time Café in New York. The band have been in residence there for seven years now, but have also become something of an institution worldwide, drawing on a pool of 150 players. They have achieved this without bloodless re-creations of Mingus's "greatest hits", instead addressing his oeuvre complete, in all its complexity.

On this occasion, however, their opening set of a two-week residency, works such as *The Black Saint*



and *The Sinner Lady* were kept in reserve; instead, the band sensibly acclimatised themselves with a rousing selection of Mingus's "tribute" material.

Over Andy McKee's pounding bass, trumpeter Philip Harper fired up the opening *Jump*. Monk with a brilliant trumpet solo, altoist Bobby Watson soared and wriggled over the suddenly Latinised beat, then pianist Kenny Drew brought the piece to a rollicking conclusion. The mood for the evening was set: even when the 14-piece band was romping through the more familiar tunes, the spirit of Mingus was infused into the music by the imaginative subtlety of the arrangements.

In the succeeding piece, a Steve Slagle arrangement of the Charlie Parker-inspired *Reincarnation of a Lovebird*, the same mix of sensitivity and vitality saw Slagle's plaintive alto and Scott Wendholt's plangent trumpet bedded in a woody growl of brass. The Lester Young threnody *Goodbye Porkpie Hat* received a caressing tenor treatment from Seamus Blake; another Parker tribute, *Gunslinging Bird*, featured both the gruff baritone of Ronnie Cuber and the fiery trumpet of Alex Sipiagin.

In this mood the Mingus Big Band are quite simply irresistible, and their mission — to keep Mingus's music alive — is triumphantly accomplished.

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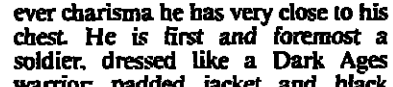
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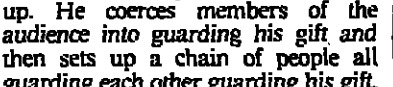
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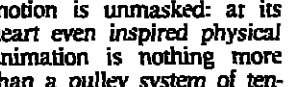
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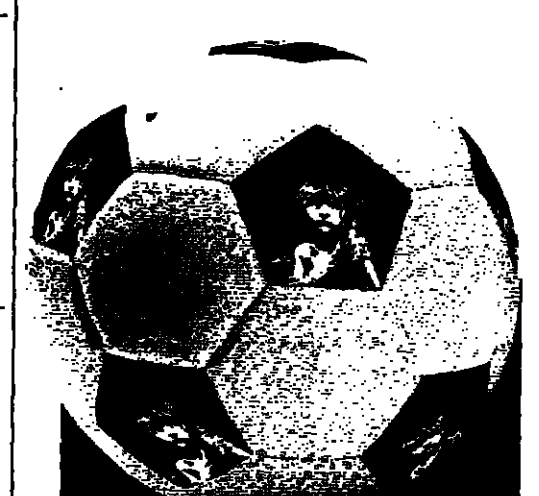
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# Screaming not drowning



Rosie Boycott has been thrust into the tabloid world as Editor of *The Express*. She tells Brian MacArthur that she believes the *Mail* to be assailable

Until six weeks ago editors of *The Express* had one of the best views in London. When they needed consolation, perhaps after the arrival of the monthly circulation figures, they could swivel their chairs and seek spiritual comfort from the view across the Thames to St Paul's and St Bride's.

Almost the first act of Rosie Boycott when she swept in as Editor from *The Independent* was to sacrifice that distracting view. She moved to a small, nondescript office opposite the gens. She now holds court from the middle of the Express floor. She has also dispensed with a chauffeur and drives herself to work after seeing her daughter Daisy to school.

By their deeds shall ye know them and Boycott explains that the new office is less "executive-like" and encourages staff to stop by with the latest gossip. That raises the question of whether successful editors can be democrats but it is evident from her track record at *Esquire* and *The Independent on Sunday* that she prefers the role of democrat to autocrat.

Boycott talks a good game and inspires the sort of spellbound adjectives that get attached to women but not to men — gutsy, fierce, brave, passionate — and there is no doubt that she is loved and respected by all who have worked with her, although there must be enemies, especially among the loyal *Express* staff who have "left" in the past six weeks. They say she has surrounded herself with cronies from *The Independent*, mostly thinkers rather than doers, and that she gets about the office much less than she claims.

Nor will affection and democracy be enough to turn round *The Express* after three decades of decline which have seen its sales fall from four million to just over a million a day. Nobody at the St Bride's funeral of Sir David English, the Editor who created the modern *Daily Mail* and routed the *Daily Express* (as it then was), could be awed by the power of the House of Rothermere — and Rothermere himself pointedly contrasted Lord Beaverbrook's parting words to Arthur Christiansen, the legendary *Express* Editor, as he escorted him to the lift — "Sorry to see you going down for the last time, Chris" — with his own heartfelt tribute to Sir David, who was going up.

It is doubtful that any other major newspaper house, and certainly not the Express Group, after the savagery of the past decade, could now summon the ranks of journalists, most of whom had served English and Rothermere for nearly three decades, who saluted English at what may well be the last great Fleet Street funeral.

Yet Boycott and Clive Hollick,

the Labour life peer, Blair confidant and chairman of United Newspapers, which owns *The Express*, clearly intend to carry the battle to the *Mail*. There is no point in being a clone, says Hollick, and Boycott is setting out to create a paper that no longer apes its rival either by its editorial agenda or by its design.

What may be the most significant of Boycott's early initiatives has been her recruitment of Pentagram's David Hillman, who masterminded the redesign of *The Guardian*, to redesign *The Express* in the same radical spirit and to rid it of what Boycott describes as its "clumpy, old-fashioned typography". The new format will be unveiled in the autumn.

Boycott puts on a good show of being unfazed by the *Daily Mail*. Yes, she concedes, it's brilliantly professional, clever in milking stories, journalistically impeccable.

## the media interview

Yes, too, it is hidebound and set in a time warp. There is an air of moral hypocrisy about a paper which cannot comprehend the complicated nature of so many modern lives and which gives readers who don't live in perfect families a sense of failure. Yesterday the *Daily Mail* attacked "obsessive liberals" who encouraged broken homes. Boycott countered with a feature headlined "Why divorce can prove a godsend for the children".

"People say the *Mail* is unassailable," she says. "I think it's assailable. The middle market is in a state of flux and I think we can attract young readers who want a liberal, big-thinking, upmarket tabloid that is full of vigour, inspiration and mischief." It is an essentially Blairite agenda aimed at 20 to 44-year-olds with centrist politics who prefer optimism and compassion to endless denunciation of modern morals. Four decades ago, Christiansen's *Express* was aimed at the back streets of Derby: Boycott opts for the contemporary buzz of Newcastle.

She has quickly discovered the thrill of editing a tabloid and making the front page "scream". "You hit the ball harder," she says. "I like the directness of that and the bigger impact — phones start ringing and the Government certainly reacts faster. It's a new world — exhilarating and totally thrilling."

The big question over her editorship — and the cynics of the industry don't rate her chances highly — is whether a paper that

has always been a popular tabloid can be successfully transformed into the campaigning quailpup she evidently wants to edit.

Albert well wrapped up in Dianamania, yesterday's paper devoted two early pages, including the front, to a landmines campaign — urging ministers to give up a day of their summer holiday to pass the Bill to ban them — and another to its campaign for the children of Sudan, illustrated by a starving child. That could seem a heavy diet for a popular tabloid.

Yet on landmines there was an instant government response — a demonstration, say her friends, of Boycott's flair — and *Express* readers have already subscribed more than £400,000 for Sudan at an average of 58p a head. The only focus group that Philip Gould — Blair's marketing guru, who works on the top floor of the *Express* building — has conducted with the readers suggested that although they enjoyed being taken seriously, there was perhaps too much gravitas.

Yet as she ticks off tasks in hand, which include hiring Anna Raeburn as a new-style agony aunt and Jane Asher as a columnist, most are serious — the new *Express* Parents' Club, a clearing house for Higher National Diploma students, her campaign against Clare Short on newspapers and famine, a campaign with BT to find the top 100 worker-friendly companies.

So far her most controversial move, which provoked 1,500 readers' letters, has been to kill the highly rated pullout Sports section introduced by her predecessor, Richard Addis. Boycott argues plausibly that a central sports section killed the middle of the paper, and the paper died behind it. She has pushed sport to where many think it belongs, at the back of the paper, and used the space for more features and a "hip, younger and more aspirational" Life section.

Newspapers don't sparkle or spark off ideas, Boycott says, unless their journalists are happy and having fun. So after six weeks she considers her main achievements the recruitment of a new team (which includes two big political hitters in Andrew Marr and Tony Bevis), sharper writing, striking campaigns, a sense of mischief and a more serious paper which gets talked about. By signing up the Saudi nurse Deborah Parry, *The Express* demonstrated that it was ready to play in the Premiership, she says. "It did wonders for morale. Suddenly, a 'nowheresville' paper was winning."

If she gets *The Express* to somewhere, she will have succeeded where a dozen previous editors, all men, have failed.



Rosie Boycott: "The Express can attract young readers who want an upmarket tabloid full of vigour, inspiration and mischief"

## Is there life outside the M25?

■ **HERE'S a rum story.** There's a key vacancy on Channel 4's board reserved for someone based in the North to temper metropolitan bias at the trendy broadcaster. But it has been unfilled since David Plowright, formerly of Granada Television in Manchester, retired last January.

Headhunters have been unable to recommend a single name to the regulator, and the Independent Television Commission confirms that no appointment is in the pipeline. Surely some mistake, since there's plenty of life north of the M25.

It's even odder because Channel 4's new licence requires it better to reflect the regions. Any suggestions, anybody?

■ **MY COLLEAGUE** Martin Waller's article last week about private files kept on journalists by most City public relations companies has shaken out a recollection of how Jeff Randall, now Editor of *Sunday Business*, learnt of his own profile being held by another agency, Fishburn Hedges.

This was sent accidentally to another journalist, who whizzed it to Randall, then City Editor of *The Sunday Times*. The profile was rude, unnecessarily and inaccurately so, accusing Randall of being "a bit of a Jack-the-lad", and depicting him as an unconstructed Essex man.

"The reason I got slightly snotty about it was that it made me sound illiterate and uneducated," says Randall, who is anything but. Worse, it was written by a journalist to whom Randall had given some freelance work and who subsequently joined the agency.

■ **I'M HOOKED** on Channel 4's new late-night show *The Sundays*, in which a panel reviews the papers under the chairmanship of Melvyn Bragg. But last week Richard Littlejohn, a regular commentator, was absent. The producer David Herman seems confused about the real reason for Littlejohn's departure. Alex Armitage, Littlejohn's agent, says he never intended to be a regular, though Herman thought he was.

But there is another explanation. The show is not turning out as expected; it's less entertainment, more serious. And isn't newly created Labour peer Bragg rushing to defend his government chums such as Lord Irvine of Lairg, a bit too heavy and politically committed? There is still no decision on whether the show will survive for a second run. Shame, as there's a gap in the market.

Here's a thought: if Kelvin MacKenzie's bid for Talk Radio fails, perhaps Channel 4 could offer him the slot.

■ **THE Today** programme will hold a party next Friday and then leave Broadcasting House for good. It joins the great radio exodus to the BBC's uninspiringly named new Stage Six building, at TV Centre, White City. But the wily programme is keeping a foothold at BH and Millbank. "We don't want breakfast television to know what we're up to," says a programme Deep Throat.

The BBC doesn't have much idea about how to make radio exiles welcome.

■ **WHILE** the debate rages about how the campaign by David Yelland, the new Editor of *The Sun*, to save the pound is going, an update of *Sun* language is going ahead. Banned words include fellas, tottie and stunnas. As an executive said: "We're getting a bit more sophisticated."

■ **Amid** all the hype about digital television, it's easy to overlook the choice already available. My tip: try the innovative National Geographic channel, a year old in September. It has just run the best natural history programme I've watched in ages: *Giant Pandas, the Last Refuge*.



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## Media melting pot is about to boil over

Just occasionally a politician manages to say something that stops you in your tracks. Martin Bangemann, the larger-than-life European Commissioner responsible for creating the information society, is just such a man.

At a seminar in Brussels this week to look at the Green Paper on the convergence of the telecommunications, media and information technology sectors, Commissioner Bangemann simply blurted it out. "We don't know the answer. Tell us what you believe," he said.

His recognition that he does not know the answer to the complex issues of convergence — such as how the information industries are to be regulated and what can be done to prevent Europe falling ruinously behind the US — is impressive.

"For the first time in politics," Herr Bangemann said, lapsing into management jargon, this would be a bottom-up rather than a top-down decision-making process.

There are certainly some very scary numbers out there for the European media industries to feed into their bottom-up decision-making process. Last year, Microsoft invested more in broadcasting and media-related ventures than the entire revenues of Canal Plus, one of Europe's most successful pay television ventures. And stock markets are valuing the new Internet companies far more aggressively than long-established European media companies.

Yahoo!, the Internet search engine group, is valued at \$7 billion and America on Line at \$23 billion. The firepower of these new companies is



Commissioner Bangemann

astonishing, and they can easily afford to invade other media markets if they choose. There is little doubt that a degree of technical convergence is under way. The organiser of the Brussels seminar, ICL, is a case in point. A few years ago ICL could safely be described as a British computer company. It is much less clear how ICL should be described now. It has no factories and is largely a service company that is about to enter the business telecommunications market and has an Internet joint venture with the BBC.

The BBC partnership is part of what Keith Todd, chief executive of ICL, describes as the search for "engagement technology" — things that will engage the viewer or computer user. Broadcasters, he clearly recognises, have more of those skills than computer companies.

Yet identifying the fact that dramatic changes are under way amounts almost to a truism. The real questions relate more to how quickly consumers will respond to what is technically possible. Here there is little convergence between the views of the computer-telecommunica-

tions types and the national broadcasters.

Bruno Lamborghini, chairman of Olivetti Lexikon, has produced eight commandments for the new world. They all revolve around removing barriers to convergence, having minimal regulation and making sure that the rules of one sector are not applied mindlessly to another.

Broadcasters talk a different language of public service — as one put it, values not just value added. It is a gulf to bridge, even for someone with the mental agility of Herr Bangemann. Despite his open mind, he is clearly becoming irritated at the demands of the public broadcasters of Europe who he thinks seem to be asking for a guaranteed right to exist when there are no such guarantees.

When public broadcasters move into new commercial areas, as the BBC is, the commissioner seems determined to ensure that there is a level playing field for the private sector.

There are three main options for regulation and convergence. You can build on existing structures, recognising that there are enduring differences between the media, computers and telecommunications. You can create separate regulation for new activities. Or you can develop a new regulatory model to cover all the new and existing services.

Since you asked, Herr Bangemann, option one — although a shade conservative — looks as if it is most in line with present realities. But then, as the commissioner points out, nobody really knows the answer.



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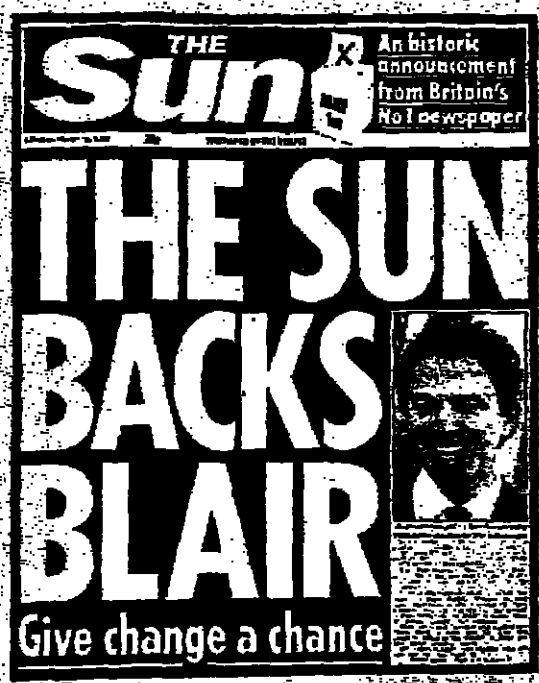
New boy goes nuclear

The new Editor of The Sun has quickly established himself as a formidable troublemaker, reports Chris Buckland

Fumeral of the powerful provide a useful display of the influence and pecking order of those who survive to mount, so it was on Monday in Sir Christopher Wren's magnificent St Bride's, the "journalists' church", where the great and good gathered to respect the memory of Sir David English, Editor-in-Chief and chairman of Associated Newspapers.

In the front pew sat the Prime Minister, flanked by the men who control the biggest newspaper groups in Britain. Rupert Murdoch of News International, owner of The Times and The Sun, Lord Rothermere, Sir David's boss at Associated. Tony Blair could not have suspected, as he joined in the hymn-singing, that The Sun, the giant of Mr Murdoch's stable, would only two days later ask its ten million readers if he was "the most dangerous man in Britain".

In The Sun's traditionally abrasive style, it did not stop at that. The paper that switched its support from the Tories to Labour at the beginning of last year's election campaign — and "won" for John Major five years earlier — had another two pages inside, complete with a picture of the Prime Minister wearing a mask reminiscent of the Tories' "demon eyes" poster. Beside the photograph was the headline "The Tone Danger".



A different hymnsheet: The Sun's front page shortly before last year's election, left, and earlier this week

But there was some nervous waiting the next morning for the new Editor, 35-year-old David Yelland. By then Mr Murdoch would actually have seen the paper, a different matter from a verbal run-through. KRM, as he is known in Wapping, approved. Well, he liked the leader comment, but he thought the "most dangerous man" headline a touch over the top. To Mr Yelland's relief, however, this latter observation was accompanied by a chuckle.

So the Editor, who is now in his third week in the chair, need not fear for his job. He knows Mr Murdoch well as a man who is, has been, and shows every sign of forever being an implacable foe of moves towards European integration. "He owns the paper, so of course he's in agreement with it."

To say that the unknown Mr Yelland's decision to go nuclear put him on the map is an understatement. Those at The Sun's Wapping headquarters and in the diaspora still known as Fleet Street had raised many an eyebrow over his appointment. "Unknown" and "inexperienced" were two of the more complimentary comments.

With Wednesday's paper he put not only himself but — and this is music to Mr Murdoch's ear — The Sun slap bang in the middle of the political debate. Rival newspapers committed more column inches to what The Sun

had done than did the original article. In one fell swoop he had established himself as a formidable troublemaker while confirming The Sun as a paper that can cause tidal waves while others merely create ripples.

Which leaves two questions. Why did it take almost a week to launch the attack on the Prime Minister's audience-adjusted speech to the European Parliament? Mr Yelland's friends say that, since he has been back in Britain for fewer than three weeks after his stint in New York, he wanted to test the battleground before he started throwing hand-grenades. He was also distracted by the World Cup frenzy and consultations leading to a pledge to leave the two royal Princes alone.

On several days this week, though, he was under pressure from his junior executives to reinforce The Sun's stand on Europe. There was a half-hearted attempt on Tuesday, merely a warm-up for what was to come. Colleagues argued that since he had made a policy statement on the secure nature of Page 3 girls — "the breast is yet to come" — he should surely do the same on the issue that has become almost an obsession at The Sun, the single currency and the determination to save the pound.



Game for a laugh

Where, do you imagine, is the coolest place to be seen watching the World Cup finals these days?

The Sports Café in Haymarket? Michael Owen's local in Hawarden? Posh Spice's hot-tub in America? All passe, darling. The spot where the top celebrities are gathering is a large Portakabin stuck in the middle of the Wandsworth one-way system in South London.

This most unglamorous of venues, to the rear of a small car park, is where Noel Gallagher of Oasis and Ian Bourdie of The Lightning Seeds were to be found drinking free beer and cursing England's fate on Monday night in front of a TV screen. Tonight the same Portakabin will play host to the comedian Bob Mortimer plus a host of media types.

Wandsworth has David Baddiel and Frank Skinner to thank for its sudden transportation into hipdom. It is from here that the pair, who famously defected from the BBC to ITV in time for football's biggest tournament, are presenting their Fantasy World Cup show, every second night during the tournament.

Before the show, guests watch the big match of the day in said Portakabin which is stacked full of Boddingtons-sponsored ale. They then troop across the car park to Capital Studios from where the show is broadcast 40 minutes later and regroup afterwards for a party where Baddiel and Skinner wind down.

Taking on Fantasy Football was a risk for ITV. Not only was it a cult BBC2 show with a rather cliquy audience, it had never been done live in such relentless form before.

Pessimists predicted the team would not be able to sustain the humour levels night after night, and that Baddiel and Skinner's creative elastic would be stretched too far.

So far, however, just over halfway through their 16-show run, the programme has been an

undeniable success, pulling in four to five million viewers regularly between 10.40pm and 11.15pm and winning the major share of the TV audience. Although a few critics say certain shows have lacked the edge of the BBC days, most viewers have not perceived a drop in quality.

This is despite a gruelling schedule and a few dicey moments that could have landed them in trouble with the Broadcasting Standards Commission. John Lydon (formerly Johnny Rotten of the Sex Pistols) tested their thinking on your feet skills to the limit. He swore and assaulted a female producer on the show before throwing a lit cigarette into the studio audience and declaring the England team "poxy". In another incident the Hollywood film star Brigitte Nielsen went into a drunken rage, grabbing Baddiel's spectacles.

"I do regret having Johnny Rotten on because the audience that night didn't get as good a show as they could have had," says Skinner. "I think it was my idea to invite him on. He has always been a hero of mine and I so wanted him to be witty and clever. Before the show he was being great but as soon as he saw the audience he thought 'I'd better start being Johnny Rotten' and that was it."

The duo have left their homes and their girlfriends for the duration of the World Cup, and are living in an hotel, turning up for work at 10.30am and putting in a 13-hour day. They watch each and every match, scrutinising them for material.

"It is exciting but it is also stressful," says Baddiel. "We could ask for a certain prop and it might arrive only just before the show goes on air. During every show clips are going out that we haven't even rehearsed. We are knackered but of course we love it."

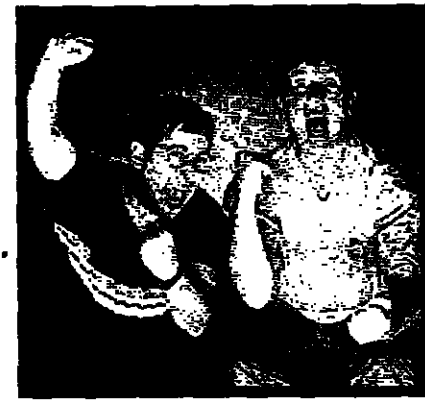
He says it was difficult to be funny during Monday's show because he and Skinner were upset about the result (England 1 Romania 2). "There was only one way of doing the show that night and it was a mixture of defiance and taking the mick. When we did Euro 96 we found there was a limit to the number of jokes you can do on good footballing disasters. I think the show is as good as it can be. ITV has been brave to let us do it. It was very experimental."

Skinner says he finds the stress of live TV tiring but "a massive privilege". He adds: "I have had so many bad jobs since I left school. I can remember getting pains in my ribs on Sundays at the thought of going back to the factory. Doing the show is like being in the World Cup and the single (Three Lions) is at number one so everything is pretty wonderful at the moment."

ITV declares itself so thrilled with the show that it has promised Baddiel and Skinner tickets to the World Cup Final on July 12, after their last show. Then expect battle to commence between ITV and the BBC for a possible Fantasy Premier League next season.

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# 'I don't want to be TV fodder'

Nick Broomfield talks to Val Sampson about his battle to make *Kurt and Courtney*

It is the film that Courtney Love tried to ban. It was dropped from this year's Sundance Film Festival after legal wrangles. But finally the controversial *Kurt and Courtney*, made by the acclaimed documentary maker Nick Broomfield, is to be released in Britain next Friday.

The film investigates the life of Kurt Cobain, the lead singer of the American rock band Nirvana, who committed suicide in 1994, and his relationship with his wife, Courtney Love, the singer turned Hollywood actress.

For Broomfield, whose previous documentaries include a series on icons such as Baroness Thatcher and the South African neo-Nazi Eugene Terre-Blanche, the 18 months spent making *Kurt and Courtney* were some of the most difficult of his career. It was apparent from the start, he says, that Courtney Love did not want the film made.

According to Broomfield, she initially pressurised Showtime, the sister company of MTV, to withdraw financing, and then bombarded the BBC, to which Broomfield had already sold the UK rights, with letters threatening legal action.

Broomfield decided to ignore the pressure on him to abandon the project and invested in the film through his own company. "I think it is very hard nowadays to make a film about a major entertainment figure that isn't just a

puff piece," he says. "I felt there was a corporate censorship in operation. I suppose Courtney's reaction made me think she had a lot to hide. I had only been filming for two weeks when she started all this stuff. I didn't go into it thinking that Courtney was a bad person or a bully, but I think it is just the way she works: how she deals with things."

"It is amazing how frightened people are of Courtney. A lot of people I talked to in Seattle and Portland were worried about encountering her wrath or doing something that would get them on the hit-list. I decided that I wouldn't be afraid of her. Bullies can only operate when they know that people are frightened of them. But I did have some sleepless nights. I found the material very dark and difficult to work with."

The documentary records, in Broomfield's own distinctive style, Kurt Cobain's early life and his later tragic years suffering depression and addiction in the shadow of Courtney Love. It also chronicles Broomfield's struggle with Love over the existence of the film itself.

Broomfield appears on-screen, waving a boom mike, to talk to friends and acquaintances of Cobain about the singer and the damaged, drug-ridden circle that surrounded him. Many of his interviewees look strung out on drugs: one bizarre, drunk-



Kurt Cobain and Courtney Love show off their daughter, Frances Bean. Love vehemently objected to the film of their life

en individual from the underground S&M scene claims that he was offered money to kill Cobain.

Courtney Love's subsequent reinvention of herself as a Hollywood glamour queen is, the film implies, a grotesque fabrication. Broomfield himself has some sympathy for the

view of a former nanny to Frances Bean, the couple's daughter, who says: "If Kurt wasn't murdered, he was forced to murder himself."

Perhaps not surprisingly, although the film is a gripping piece of documentary-making, it has attracted press criticism in the US for its lack of

objectivity and of reputable sources. One sequence shows an uninvited Broomfield taking the podium to heckle Courtney Love at a dinner organised by the American Civil Liberties Union where she was due to present an award to Milos Forman, the film director.

Broomfield says: "I wanted to ask her what her rationale is for beating up journalists. And what sort of message was the ACLU giving? That you can beat people up if you become a movie star and have a bit of cosmetic surgery?"

"It is an example of really stupid Hollywood thinking. It



The new-look Courtney Love. Right: Nick Broomfield

was a terrifying experience, but I think that scene makes its point."

Broomfield has no qualms about putting interviewees in a questionable mental state on the screen. "If you are making a film in a world full of people who are on drugs, it is unrealistic to think you are going to have highly reliable witnesses in the way that doctors or lawyers might be."

"Courtney Love's father ironically is her best piece of public relations, because he is so extreme in what he says. I put him through quite a tough interview and when you see him, it explains why Courtney is as ambitious and determined as she is."

"It goes a long way to explain a lot of her actions which are, on the face of it, completely insupportable."

Broomfield considers *Kurt and Courtney*, in common with previous documentaries on Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss, and serial killer Aileen Wuornos, as much a diary of his experience of making the film as anything else.

"I don't believe in doing a lot of research beforehand and then going out to prove a theory. The film grows as you make it and involves the audience much more directly. I don't believe in the filmmaker expert. I am not an expert in Conservative government policy, say, or grunge music, so in a way the film is very subjective."

style. "I suppose it was born out of the whole Tom Wolfe idea of New Journalism: where he is as interested in the events surrounding the interview as the interview itself."

"I came from making observational cinema where you pretty much construct the film out of sequences. But I got bored with it, because the story wasn't in the film. It is certainly more fun working the way I do now, because you

can get so much more into it. The style is right for me: it may not be right for others."

"I don't expect everyone to agree with me, but I completely stand by what I have done in *Kurt and Courtney*. I don't feel I have taken any cheap shots."

"Courtney's actions in trying to stop the film being shown only served to support the main thesis of the film which was that she was controlling and a bully and would do anything, so I think she made things much, much worse for herself."

Courtney Love has now dropped her legal battle to halt screenings of the film. Broomfield is philosophical about the experience: "The lawyers have laid off. I think they realised they were helping to promote the film by being such bullies."

He remains unfazed by the controversy. "I take it as a compliment. The role of documentary is to get people to discuss things and to be moved and provoked by them. The last thing one wants to be is just another bit of TV fodder."

● *Kurt and Courtney* will be released in selected cinemas from July 3. It will be shown by the BBC later this year

## Adverts you can bank on

NEWS that NatWest Bank has moved its entire £50 million advertising, direct marketing and sales promotion account into the TBWA group of companies has set the ad industry buzzing.

The move is a fantastic start for the newly merged TBWA GCT Simons Palmer (TBWA) ad agency in particular. New business of this magnitude bestows the kind of credibility that the agency's full name does not deserve.

Bartle Bogle Hegarty and Ammirati Puris Littins, the two main losers, will be dismayed. BBH may have more reason, since it has created the best-known of the bank's recent TV advertising. First there was a crass campaign, set to music from *Miami Vice*, featuring the bank's own staff talking about their out-of-hours activities. Along with its incredible ending ("we're here to make life easier"), the campaign was so disliked that urban myths grew up about cinema audiences booing it. It wasn't the only campaign to overclaim, but the problem for "easier" and the previous campaign, "NatWest - the action bank", is that we are far more suspicious of, and sensitive to, bank advertising. It's our money at stake.

Mercifully, NatWest gave up on that campaign and introduced us to the Canning family, an altogether more genteel mechanism for reminding us that we needed a mortgage etc, then took no further than *NatWest*. This time the campaign founded on a combination of lack of dramatic tension and of *NatWest* not buying enough airtime, to get a set of characters established and liked by the public - look at the Gold Blend couple and Papa and Nicole for campaigns that got it right.

Concurrent with this work, NatWest commissioned a press and poster campaign that primarily conveyed special

offers. It all adds up to a disjointed collection of advertising, supplied by many agencies.

The position had to change, and now it has. But has the bank's sceptical attitude towards the ad industry and its powers really gone? Advertising, after all, is a new-fangled invention that many of them have felt obliged to use seriously only since the Eighties.

Ask a consumer and you might find that the last NatWest ad they can recall is the one with a man playing a cash dispenser like a pinball machine. That was a decade and four campaigns ago.



Stefano Hatfield

But NatWest is not alone. Which of the big financial institutions' ad campaigns can you recall?

When market researchers ask consumers this question, the winner by a street is always Scottish Widows. This is in no small measure thanks to the handy device in the ads of featuring a very beautiful model dressed in widow-like dark garb. Other campaigns that do well include First Direct. This may be because its ads, starring Bob Mortimer jumping queues, have a genuine point of difference to put across. How many other financial institutions can say the same? The Co-operative Bank is one. But, can you recall the latest ads from Barclays or LloydsTSB?

You will probably remember the "Man from the Pru", both because it is an old campaign that has been resurrected and because Peter Davies, the Pru boss who fronts the ads, has been in the news so

much recently in connection with pensions mis-selling.

The Midland, too, has recently brought back "The listening bank" and NatWest has resurrected its clever animated campaign. In each case marketing directors went all round the houses unsuccessfully trying to uncover ads that worked better.

Part of the problem is in the lack of real influence marketing directors have in many financial institutions. Certainly most of them are not main board level appointments. Mix in the very limited life expectancy of any UK marketing director, and you have a recipe for risk-averse wallpaper advertising.

But to succeed, NatWest - or anyone else for that matter - needs time and money. It is no use blowing £25 million on a brand-advertising campaign this side of Christmas, if next year you spend a third of that sum, and then largely on promotions. Will NatWest give its marketing team still more time to get it right? We'll soon know.

PAUL Bainsfair, the chief executive of TBWA, will savour the *NatWest* win more than anyone. In the early Nineties, when the bank's advertising account was last up for grabs, Bainsfair was chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi. He resigned halfway through the pitch process, and the chairman Bill Muirhead never really forgave him.

Mind you, Saatchi & Saatchi did shoot itself in the foot during that pitch by wheeling out a shiny-suited Maurice Saatchi to meet the visiting *NatWest* bigwigs. Rivals got the giggles at the idea of Maurice making small talk: "What have I been up to lately? Well, as you may know, I just tried to buy Midland Bank."

Those were the days! Stefano Hatfield is the Editor of Campaign

WHO'S TUNING IN?					
	Talk Radio	BBC Radio 4	News Direct	LBC	BBC Radio 5 Live
All adults (total weekly hours)	14,099	87,859	1,498	5,387	32,160
% share	53.7	46.2	74.2	39.9	73.5
All men 15+	46.3	53.8	25.8	60.1	26.5
All women 15+	17.0	34.7	52.3	19.1	42.0
ABC1 men	18.3	41.9	15.8	24.2	17.7
ABC2 women	54.5	63.1	42.4	63.9	41.0
All housewives					
Based on share of weekly total hours listened					
Source: RAJAR Q3 1998					
Talk Radio weekly reach ('000s)					
	1995	1996	1997	1998	
ABC1 adults	703	1,192	735	1,064	
All adults	1,553	2,117	1,794	2,267	
All men 15+	888	1,060	924	1,119	
All women 15+	664	1,058	871	1,149	
Source: RAJAR Q3 98					

THERE has been almost as much chat about Talk Radio as on it since a 62 per cent stake in the only national commercial speech-based station was put up for sale by CLT. Bidders include a consortium headed by Kelvin MacKenzie, with 20 per cent backing from News International, owner of *The Times*, and an ABC2 team led by the managing director Paul Robinson, and backed by Lord Halliwell's United News & Media. Talk, showed the biggest year-on-year rise in weekly reach of any national station when the last RAJAR (radio listening) survey was released - up 26.4 per cent to 2.267 million average weekly listen-

ers. Our table shows adult listening has been steady for a couple of years, and although ABC1's account for only 35 per cent of Talk's share of hours listened, there has been a significant shift towards women listeners, who now make up more than 50 per cent of the weekly reach, and account for slightly under half of the total hours listened. This makes interesting comparisons with the BBC flagship speech services on Radios 4 and 5, and with News Direct (which operates in London only).

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Into Africa: Noah Samara, the chairman of WorldSpace, believes quality is paramount in his continent-wide quest

## Africa set to go radio gaga

Raymond Snoddy meets a digital radio revolutionary

EVERYTHING goes to schedule. Noah Samara will soon do something that most people thought impossible. This autumn, his company WorldSpace will launch a digital satellite that will broadcast up to 100 digital radio channels for the entire African continent. The satellite will broadcast to digital radio sets costing about £120, which will be pointed to the satellite by their owners and will be able to pick up the latest news, information, data and music in the remotest village.

The radio sets can be linked to a PC to pull down text from the world's great newspapers. And next year the Washington-based WorldSpace will launch two more satellites, one for Latin America and another for Asia and the Middle East. There are plans for a fourth, which may be used for services in Russia and Eastern Europe.

At first glance it sounds like a crazy project: asking people who often cannot afford batteries for normal radios to spend £120 on radio receivers - which have so far proved difficult to launch in the UK. Yet Samara, an Ethiopian American, has never wavered in his dream to deliver high-quality information and entertainment.

audience. A deal has already been signed with Sanyo FM, the first private radio station in Uganda, and with the Librarian Broadcasting System. Samara has also recently signed up stations such as Radio Kieudu of Mali, Radio One of Lebanon and the Egyptian Radio and Television Union.

"The best of these stations have programming that appeals across a wide spectrum," says Samara, who in many cases will share advertising revenue with the stations. Other plans under discussion include an Africa-wide news and information service.

Negotiations have also been going on with international organisations such as the World Health Organisation and Unesco. A channel aimed at women is also planned. But what will give WorldSpace and its Afristar satellite credibility are discussions with the BBC World Service. Deutsche Welle and Radio Netherlands which have come together in Digital Radio for the World, an organisation grouping together the main international broadcasters.

Samara is optimistic that he will win them over and get a deal this summer. But if he does manage to convince the

international broadcasters, will he be able to get an audience in some of the poorest countries in the world? Samara says marketing studies in Africa, Latin America and India suggest that £120 is an acceptable price.

His initial target audience will be the 200 million people designated as "middle-class" in WorldSpace's area of operations. For break-even the project will have to sell about eight to nine million radios.

He believes that a radio comparable in price to the current high end of the market, but which offers near-CD quality sound and can be used to verify credit card transactions, will be a success. In countries such as Ethiopia, he notes, young people band together to buy electronics.

Samara, who intends to raise another £200-£250 million for the WorldSpace project, will market the service first in Egypt, Nigeria and the Gulf states and then move through more than 50 countries. He believes that he will succeed but as a private sector venture he has to make money. Just in case batteries prove too expensive, Samara has made investments in clockwork and solar-powered radios. He has also hedged his bets by investing in the American Mobile Radio Corporation which will launch a satellite radio service in the US for motor vehicles in 2000 using WorldSpace technology.

# EDUCATION

## Another brick in the wall

A new method at literacy summer schools is gaining converts, says Fred Redwood



Learning zone: Sami Al Saroori at last year's summer school at Earl Marshall School, Sheffield

Almost 600 literacy summer schools will be sponsored by the Government next month, building on last year's pilot scheme. The initiative is laudable, but little mention is made of the fact that many of the initial programmes were embarrassing failures.

Fifty schools took part in literacy schemes in the summer of 1997 and they targeted children who were due to enter secondary school with reading ages up to two years lower than those expected of them. Organisers reported that the activity raised confidence and self-esteem, but there were few significant changes in children's achievements when the new term started.

Arrived at through a variety of teaching methods, the results were, frankly, disappointing. For example, at Thomas Tallis School in Greenwich, southeast London, 19 of the 31 children on the reading scheme improved their reading age by between six months and two years. But seven children remained at the same level and five dropped three months. At Gilesgate School in Durham, where 31 children also attended, 12 improved by three months to a year, 13 remained at the same level and six went down two months.

Yet at Blake School in Bridgewater, Somerset, the story was very different. There, improvements of up to 11 months in reading and spelling ages were seen in the ten pupils who followed the Arrow literacy method. One boy improved by 16 months and another was two years more advanced by the end of the course. There were no failures, no child stood still or fell behind. These improvements were the result of just nine hours of project work. And this was not a freak result. After the prescribed series of Arrow work pro-

grammes, national improvements are averaging seven to eight months in reading and seven months in spelling within a total work time of seven hours for each student. So what is the Arrow method? Dr Colin Lane, its founder, explains: "The method grew from my work with hearing-impaired children, when I noticed that they paid closer attention to their own voices than to any other—mouthing words as they heard them over headphones. I realised there is a link between hearing one's

own voice and 'internalised' hearing. This makes sense if you think how much easier it is to learn facts like 'times tables' or French tenses by rote, singing out the numbers or words, than it is by simply looking at a page." In practice this means that pupils are taped reading a passage of writing from a national curriculum programme. Then the child takes dictation from his own voice. Running parallel to this is another "back to basics" exercise in the form of a spelling scheme. Dr Lane has devised a precision

spelling list that covers all the word families in English, key words and speech sounds. He says children enjoy this logical approach to spelling. David Acres was the head teacher at the Blake School last summer when the Arrow method was tried there and is a keen convert. "We would start at 10am in the holidays, but we had children knocking on the doors at 8am so they could start early," he says. "The children were aware of the astonishing progress they were making, and it motivated them."

Schools throughout the country now use Arrow, and Dr Lane has already trained 730 teachers to work on the scheme. The system is very cost-efficient. Training a tutor costs only about £330 and, since the methods used are so straightforward, non-teaching assistants can become tutors, giving them added responsibility and job satisfaction. The headset, recorder and boom mike needed for the courses cost £220, and other materials another £70. Classes can be run with a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:6, but that varies. Other initiatives can cost as much as six times more for each child.

Finally, it has been shown that Arrow can benefit very able children as well as those with learning difficulties such as dyslexia. In a course at Rodbourne Cheney Primary School, Wiltshire, a class of 24 able children, aged on average ten years and three months but with reading ages almost two months higher, improved their reading by ten months as a result of a week's Arrow course.

So if it is so effective, why is it not used more widely? The question puzzles Dr Lane. "It has been a frustrating time for parents and teachers who see the potential. Although Arrow has received glowing Ofsted reports, and our methods have gained Advanced BTEC award status, we have received no funding from governments over the years."

It was even more galling for Dr Lane when Dr Diane McGuinness, Professor of Psychology at South Florida, was last week given a chance to explain her methods to officials who are overseeing the National Literacy Strategy. This prompted Dr Lane to issue a challenge in writing through Stephen Byers, the School Standards Minister. "I have stated that I will be happy to run trials of Arrow alongside Dr McGuinness with all classifications of students, including those who are deaf, visually impaired and suffering from dyslexia. We need to know which of these methods is the more effective, and I am confident that Arrow would prove to be superior."

Dr Lane has not yet received a reply to his challenge.

## Why A levels are all part of life's rich lottery

Exams suck. Not an elegant expression and an unusual one to find amid desktop graffiti. Usually it is the teachers or the school which come in for stick, writes David Thomas.

It is surprising how acquiescent young people are about the examination system, a set-up which will have direct bearing on their personal esteem, wallets and careers. Perhaps the desk writer was annoyed at the amount of work involved, or aware of the perverse law which says that the one area you have not revised will feature large.

Possibly he or she was just musing on Lady Luck. The luck which means that your class was packed with the biggest jokers the school has known: that your teacher went off sick; that the exams coincided with your mum running off.

All this before you take into account the discrepancies between "hard" and "easy" subjects, syllabuses and examination boards. Or the fact that this year the top A\* and A grades in GCSE English and English literature will be harder to get. Tightening of standards is tough on this year's students who will perhaps not get the grades they would have four years ago.

The same applies to A-level English where a colleague attending a recent examining board meeting was told that the standard expected for an A grade is now higher because of the modular system. Fine — but many schools do not take modules in English, so brighter pupils are penalised.

Maybe this is all par for the course. Life can be tough and we all expect to have good and bad days. What we do not expect is for the examiners to get it wrong. In most cases they get it right and on the whole students get what they deserve. Quality control is such that it is hard to see where errors can be made — until you turn to a "subject-

ive" area such as English. Each summer the press has a horror story or two — and English is often the culprit. Last year West Country students noticed big variations in marks awarded for AEB English literature A level. Then there was the 1996 debacle where A-level marks awarded by the Cambridge Board were allegedly bumped up.

For each reported story there are many more which are not publicised like the A level English group all of whom got A and B grades on Paper 5 but whose marks ranged from B down to N on Paper 6. Similar style of question, same teacher, same students. Could they all crash so dramatically? Marking English papers is not an exact science. I've done it myself and for all the criteria and well-intentioned support, it remains subjective. Experienced teachers and examiners will often present a range of marks which covers two grades. For the student can be a disaster. With, say, an offer of ABC on the table, the achievement of ABC means a confirmed place; while, possibly only one mark off, ABD represents a rejection. You can appeal and have a re-mark but this costs money and, above all, time. The precious time at the end of August when a university has to make quick decisions, when even a successful appeal will probably come too late to save the place.

Perhaps we shouldn't be too hard. He or she was probably marking about 200 scripts, each of which takes 20 minutes and for which the pay is in the region of £3 per script: £9 an hour for specialist work determining the future of 200 students. A pre-tax total of about £600 for 70 hours of work after a normal day's teaching. On reflection, perhaps the examiner wrote on that desk.

The author is an educational consultant



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CRICKET

End of TV bar gives game hope

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

The finances underpinning cricket have received timely insurance in the very week the administration of the sport is being forced into a period of soul-searching.

The increasing dependence of professional sport upon television revenue can be deemed unhealthy and is certainly precarious.

The change is a triumph for Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the ECB. "I think it is an immensely brave decision as well as a good one," he said.

"Cricketers have been offered a choice of two options: to accept a deal for a two-year period or to accept a deal for a five-year period."

There was a sense of jubilation, not to say relief, among the game's senior officers yesterday, contrasting starkly with the mood of five days ago, when England staged their latest humiliating collapse and the country reacted with scorn.



House's expansive drive forces Hansie Cronje, the South Africans' captain, to take evasive action at Fenner's yesterday

South Africans use time well

FENNER'S (second day of three) the South Africans, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 325 runs ahead of British Universities

By Ivo Tennant

THE South Africans are making optimum use of the only first-class cricket that they have scheduled between the second and third Test matches.

Symcox took four wickets. Elworthy three. Hayward two and McMillan, who is desperate to play at Old Trafford, came up with a washful spell.

Of the quicker bowlers, Elworthy had Smith, the Universities' best batsman, taken at first slip and Hayward held a terrific catch in his follow-through to dismiss Loveridge, running more than the length of the pitch and diving to do so.

Not surprisingly, the South Africans opted to bat again, opening with Liebenberg, who reached his second half-century of the match off 89 balls, and Cullinan, who struck three sixes, one of them out of the ground.

Curiously enough, he had not had a first-class innings hitherto this season, because of the poor weather in these parts as well, of course, as his exams.

He was spared nothing by McMillan and the wicketless of his strokeplay was all the more impressive for it. Otherwise, the Universities batsmen could not counter Symcox, who gave the ball plenty of air while maintaining exemplary control.

Martin lays claim to Test recall

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire beat Sussex by 48 runs

By Pat Gibson

IF THE pitch for the third Test match against South Africa here next week resembles this one, the England selectors would do well to select a "horses for courses" policy and recall Peter Martin, the Lancashire fast-medium bowler.

The ball swung, seamed and bounced and Martin — who played in the last of his eight Tests against Australia last year — exploited the conditions

superbly to take five for 30 as Lancashire exacted revenge for defeat by the same opponents in the NatWest Trophy last year.

"Don't judge the Test wicket on this one," Peter Martin, the Old Trafford groundsman, warned. "It will be different altogether."

However, John Crawley, captain, batsman and wicketkeeper in his day, was disappointed of injuries to Washin

Austin, Chapple and Green maintained the dominance.

Bevan, on whom so much depended, was caught down the leg side by Crawley, while Adams, who had delayed his arrival after bruising a finger dropping a catch, was superbly picked up one-handed by Flintoff at second slip.

At 33 for six, Sussex were doomed and a seventh-wicket stand of 66 between Mark Newell, who finished unbeaten on 63, and Jarvis merely delayed the inevitable.

Doughty Hancock has the last laugh

By John Thicknesse

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire beat Northamptonshire by 20 runs

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE were well on course to reach the second round of the NatWest Trophy, and a home tie against Surrey, while Kevin Curran and Mal Loye were sharing a dangerous third-wicket partnership at Bristol yesterday.

Curran's departure for 53 signalled a turn in fortunes. It made the score 119 for three in the 35th over, still within comfortable reach of the target of 267, but Northamptonshire then suffered a disastrous 40-minute spell when the dismissals of Penberthy, Loye and Walton left them on 161 for six, with the asking-rate up to seven runs an over.

Loye's demise was significant. He came into the tie with 626 runs behind him in his past five innings in the Britannic Assurance county championship, plus 100 in the Axa League, and having taken 35 balls to reach double figures, was smoothly finding gaps on both sides of the wicket when Penberthy fell the next ball after Curran, beaten by Hancock's movement off the seam.

Four overs later, Hancock dismissed Loye, although the real credit belonged to Walsh, who, in the previous over, so unsettled the batsman by grazing his off-stump that, in an instant, he lost his poise and confidence.

One ball after that close shave, Loye tried to pull a fullish ball from Walsh, escaping a leg-before decision only on the grounds of height. He was still nervous when, in the next over, he tried to sweep Hancock for six over the 50-yard long-leg boundary and instead top-edged to Walsh 15 yards inside the rope.

Like Dawson and Windows, Hancock fielded brilliantly. Adding three for 30 to Wednesday's 60 opening the batting for Gloucestershire, he was a clear winner of the man-of-the-match award.

Dorset are dismissed in time for lunch

By Barney Spender

BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire beat Dorset by 161 runs

HAMPSHIRE duly booked a home tie against Essex in the second round of the NatWest Trophy yesterday when they completed a comfortable victory over their neighbours, Dorset, just before lunch.

Dorset, who began a sun-drenched morning on 51 for three, needing a further 265 runs from 47 overs, were never in the hunt and there was little in the way of tension, although the lack of an operator for the main scoreboard did allow for a variety of guessing games for those gathered in the pavilion.

Jon Hardy, who made an aggressive 45, and Matthew Swarbrick, both of whom have Hampshire connections, put together a game fourth-wicket partnership of 57, but they were eventually picked off by the medium pace of John Stephenson and Shaun Udal, the off spinner, who shared the remaining seven wickets.

One area of concern for Hampshire was another casual performance from Nixon McLean, their West Indies fast bowler, whose contribution for the day amounted to three wayward overs that cost 15 runs and included five wides. With only 15 first-class wickets to his name as well, Hampshire can feel entitled to expect something more.

Cardigan Connor also struggled for line, bowling just two overs for 16 runs, and so missed the opportunity to collect the one wicket that he needs to complete 1,000 for Hampshire in all competitions.

He may have a chance to rectify that in the Britannic Assurance county championship match against Somerset, which starts today, as Peter Hartley is still out with a shoulder injury.

Robin Smith, who rescued Hampshire on Wednesday with a fine 144 not out after they had lost their first three wickets without a run on the board, was named man of the match and so equalled Graham Gooch's record of nine awards in the competition.

Taylor returns to bolster Sussex

NEIL TAYLOR, who has missed the past two months of Britannic Assurance county championship cricket with a knee injury, returns to the Sussex side that plays in the latest round of matches at Leicester today. He will replace James Carpenter, but there is no place for Robin Martin-Jenkins, who has a groin strain, or Keith Newell, who has a broken finger. Paul Jarvis is included in a squad of 12.

By Michael Henderson

in the swing of things after an unfortunate start to the season.

Peter Bowler, the Somerset captain, restores himself to the side for the game against Hampshire at Taunton. Simon Ecclestone, another man with a knee problem, also plays. Peter Hartley, the Hampshire bowler, is missing.

Glamorgan, the champions — in case anybody had forgotten — go to Trent Bridge for a match that both sides will be eager to win. Glamorgan have lost three of their first seven matches; Nottinghamshire are bottom of the table.

Lancashire go to Edgbaston on the back of victories against Somerset, in a well-contested match, and Surrey, after a run chase on the last afternoon. The 34 runs that Andrew Flintoff took off an over from Alex Tudor at Old Trafford last Sunday was largely forgotten in the slipstream of the England defeat inside four days at Lord's, but it was another reminder of what this mighty young man can do.

Warwickshire have some catching-up to do and it would help if Brian Lara, the captain, found a few runs from somewhere. At the moment, his players are carrying him, a situation that cannot go on for much longer.

Fine knock by Jenkins not enough

By Our Sports Staff

STEFFAN JENKINS, the Minor Counties Wales batsman, made 44, including five fours and a six, but Nottinghamshire won by 89 runs at Colwyn Bay and qualified to meet Somerset in the second round of the NatWest Trophy at Trent Bridge on July 5.

Jenkins, from Dafen in West Wales, scored 15 runs in one over from Matthew Downman, but Wales managed only 169 for nine in response to Nottinghamshire's 258.

Gallian, the Nottinghamshire batsman, won the man-of-the-match award after making 63 from 81 balls the previous day on a slow pitch that benefitted the bowlers.

Table with 2 columns: Team and Score. Includes sections for Tour match (British Universities v South Africans), Glamorgan v Bedfordshire, Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire, Lancashire v Sussex, and Dorset. Lists players, runs, and wickets.

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RACING

Arctic Owl can help keep spirits high in Fanshawe yard

By Richard Evans RACING CORRESPONDENT

IF RACING folklore is to be believed, the ghost of Fred Archer roams at night around Pegasus Stables, the Newmarket yard he built in 1834, which is now the training base of James Fanshawe.

Fanshawe has never seen the greatest jockey of all time, but apparently some of his great man via an Ouija board a few years back. "He spelt out where he shot himself, the house where he lived - which has been knocked down - and told them to back Unblest before he made his debut. Unfortunately, his starting price was only 5-4."

Even though Fanshawe has been denied an audience, he retains a long-held ambition involving Archer. "I would love Fred, or his ghost, to walk around the yard and want to ride every horse in it." With the season Fanshawe is having, one suspects Archer would be delighted to accept. A strike-rate nicely above 20 per cent has already produced 19 winners for the studious-looking handler - under a handful of short hilly in each of the past two seasons - and a sharp reminder of Fanshawe's talents.

In a sport where people have notoriously short memories, it is worth recalling how he won the Eclipse Stakes with Environment Friend within a year of taking out a licence in 1990. He emulated his former mentor, Sir Michael Stoute, by landing the Champion Hurdle a year later with Royal Gait and, with the exception of last season, he has produced a group winner every year. Yet, in spite of those successes, there has been a perception that Fanshawe, once the coming man, has been treading



Fanshawe: fine season

water in the past two or three years. "I would agree with that and I have tried to get to the bottom of things."

"A prime example was our two-year-olds: we had a tremendous strike-rate in our first two seasons. Then it went. But we have had three runners this term - and three winners."

He added: "We are having a really consistent year. The horses are running well, the strike-rate is good and they are looking great in themselves. I never got them looking as well as I wanted last year."

Incidentally, it is impossible to identify any one event or reason for the upsurge in fortunes. Instead, it is a combination of factors - human and equine. Backward two-year-olds last year, notably Emerald Heights and Persiano, have blossomed; and the wet spring and summer have also helped.

"The ground has meant we have been able to get on and really train the horses," Fanshawe said. No horse has appreciated the give underfoot more than Arctic Owl, who trounced Top Cees by 14 lengths in the mud at York on his latest start, and is favourite for the Northumberland Plate - the "Pitmen's Derby" - at Newcastle tomorrow.

"He was 25-1 when he made a winning debut at Windsor last June. I told the owners not to have a bet because, although I always thought he was a nice horse, he was moving atrociously. After watching him go to post in a very scratchy manner, I was sure I was right. Then he won - and I nearly lost the horse."

"Last year, he never had a decent action. But when he won at Newmarket, the yearling, he has never seen him move so well when he went to post."

Perhaps one reason for the change in Fanshawe's fortunes is the onset of fatherhood. "We have a little boy, Tom, aged 14 months, and I feel I am a lot more relaxed. People used to give me stick for looking so tense, but I am really enjoying training horses now."

Gritted teeth and worried frowns may have given way to smiles, but Fanshawe remains extremely ambitious. If Arctic Owl wins tomorrow, it could prove to be a stepping stone to more group glory - and reinforce his hopes that a classic winner is not too far away. Fred Archer would approve.

Richard Evans  
Nap: Tonight's Prize (8.10 Goodwood)  
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1 (1) 6275 NIGHT OF GLASS 20 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 K Doughty 12  
2 (1) 6276 NIGHT OF GLASS 20 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 K Doughty 12  
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7 (1) 6281 NIGHT OF GLASS 20 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 K Doughty 12  
8 (1) 6282 NIGHT OF GLASS 20 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 K Doughty 12  
9 (1) 6283 NIGHT OF GLASS 20 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 K Doughty 12

7.50 PERTEMS HANDICAP (3-Y-O, £7,458, 1m 11) (13) (13)  
1 (1) 6284 CAPTAIN'S LOG 16 (D) P Michael 9-7 M Fenton 9  
2 (1) 6285 CAPTAIN'S LOG 16 (D) P Michael 9-7 M Fenton 9  
3 (1) 6286 CAPTAIN'S LOG 16 (D) P Michael 9-7 M Fenton 9  
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9 (1) 6292 CAPTAIN'S LOG 16 (D) P Michael 9-7 M Fenton 9

8.20 FLANGFITT STAINLESS LTD SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O, £4,933, 6) (15)  
1 (1) 6293 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2  
2 (1) 6294 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2  
3 (1) 6295 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2  
4 (1) 6296 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2  
5 (1) 6297 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2  
6 (1) 6298 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2  
7 (1) 6299 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2  
8 (1) 6300 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2  
9 (1) 6301 DYNAMIC DANCER 21 (D) P Michael 9-11 J Carroll 2

8.50 EBF STANLEY RACING STAKES (£8,681, 1m 21) (20) (4)  
1 (1) 6302 BEHAVENITE 21 (D) P Michael 3-11 G Carter 4  
2 (1) 6303 BEHAVENITE 21 (D) P Michael 3-11 G Carter 4  
3 (1) 6304 BEHAVENITE 21 (D) P Michael 3-11 G Carter 4  
4 (1) 6305 BEHAVENITE 21 (D) P Michael 3-11 G Carter 4

7.10 AZURE 10TH ANNIVERSARY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O, £4,236, 7) (5)  
1 (1) 6306 BOMBARD 14 (R) M Bell 9-0 J Doughty 4  
2 (1) 6307 BOMBARD 14 (R) M Bell 9-0 J Doughty 4  
3 (1) 6308 BOMBARD 14 (R) M Bell 9-0 J Doughty 4  
4 (1) 6309 BOMBARD 14 (R) M Bell 9-0 J Doughty 4  
5 (1) 6310 BOMBARD 14 (R) M Bell 9-0 J Doughty 4

7.40 HORSE RACING ABROAD HANDICAP (£5,840, 1m 10) (10)  
1 (1) 6311 TARDUS 14 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 K Collier 7  
2 (1) 6312 TARDUS 14 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 K Collier 7  
3 (1) 6313 TARDUS 14 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 K Collier 7  
4 (1) 6314 TARDUS 14 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 K Collier 7  
5 (1) 6315 TARDUS 14 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 K Collier 7

8.10 WEATHERBY TURF NEWSPAPERS HANDICAP (£5,370, 1m 11) (15)  
1 (1) 6316 TOMMY'S PRIZE 21 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 M Traynor 9  
2 (1) 6317 TOMMY'S PRIZE 21 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 M Traynor 9  
3 (1) 6318 TOMMY'S PRIZE 21 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 M Traynor 9  
4 (1) 6319 TOMMY'S PRIZE 21 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 M Traynor 9  
5 (1) 6320 TOMMY'S PRIZE 21 (D) P Michael 4-10-0 M Traynor 9

8.40 EBF SUPERIOR NOVICE STAKES (2-Y-O, £4,708, 6) (4)  
1 (1) 6321 BUBBLES 16 (D) P Michael 9-4 J Doughty 3  
2 (1) 6322 BUBBLES 16 (D) P Michael 9-4 J Doughty 3  
3 (1) 6323 BUBBLES 16 (D) P Michael 9-4 J Doughty 3  
4 (1) 6324 BUBBLES 16 (D) P Michael 9-4 J Doughty 3

9.10 CHAVEN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O, £3,850, 1m 12) (6)  
1 (1) 6325 BANER DREWRY 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 M Day 6  
2 (1) 6326 BANER DREWRY 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 M Day 6  
3 (1) 6327 BANER DREWRY 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 M Day 6  
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5 (1) 6329 BANER DREWRY 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 M Day 6

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THUNDERER  
2.20 Don't Drop Bombs, 2.50 Banneret, 3.20 Critical Air, 3.50 Circulator, 4.20 Just Sunday, 4.50 Aljaz.

GOING: STANDARD  
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 CYPRESS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (2-Y-O, £1,000, 11) (13 runners)  
1 (1) 6330 DESERT WANDER 8 (D) S Mace 7-11-8 J Doughty 78  
2 (1) 6331 DESERT WANDER 8 (D) S Mace 7-11-8 J Doughty 78  
3 (1) 6332 DESERT WANDER 8 (D) S Mace 7-11-8 J Doughty 78  
4 (1) 6333 DESERT WANDER 8 (D) S Mace 7-11-8 J Doughty 78  
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2.50 POPULAR CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O, 1m 4) (9)  
1 (1) 6335 PULL THE BELL 20 (D) P Michael 6-9-13 J Doughty 8  
2 (1) 6336 PULL THE BELL 20 (D) P Michael 6-9-13 J Doughty 8  
3 (1) 6337 PULL THE BELL 20 (D) P Michael 6-9-13 J Doughty 8  
4 (1) 6338 PULL THE BELL 20 (D) P Michael 6-9-13 J Doughty 8  
5 (1) 6339 PULL THE BELL 20 (D) P Michael 6-9-13 J Doughty 8

3.20 B & BUILDING SERVICES LTD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O, 1m 4) (10)  
1 (1) 6340 MAJESTIC JONES 8 (D) P Michael 6-9-13 J Doughty 7  
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3.50 SILVER BIRCH HANDICAP (3-Y-O, £2,378, 7) (5)  
1 (1) 6345 BLUE RITE 16 (D) P Michael 9-7 J Doughty 5  
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1 (1) 6355 RYAN CASPARE 16 (D) P Michael 4-9-13 S Highton 7  
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2.00 Dry Lightning, 2.30 Estarad, 3.00 TEROOM (nap), 3.30 Mister Benjamin (nap).

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DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.00 PAPERWORTH TRUST CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O, £3,883, 1m 2) (13 runners)  
1 (1) 6360 COUNSEL 20 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 66  
2 (1) 6361 COUNSEL 20 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 66  
3 (1) 6362 COUNSEL 20 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 66  
4 (1) 6363 COUNSEL 20 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 66  
5 (1) 6364 COUNSEL 20 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 66

2.30 EBF MARSHALL OF CAMBRIDGE MG MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O, £4,581, 1m 3) (11 runners)  
1 (1) 6365 BLACK SUE 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 W Ryan 7  
2 (1) 6366 BLACK SUE 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 W Ryan 7  
3 (1) 6367 BLACK SUE 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 W Ryan 7  
4 (1) 6368 BLACK SUE 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 W Ryan 7  
5 (1) 6369 BLACK SUE 15 (D) P Michael 9-0 W Ryan 7

3.00 PORT OF FELIXSTOWE HANDICAP (£5,004, 1m 4) (7 runners)  
1 (1) 6370 MY LEARNED FRIEND 13 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 N Day 73  
2 (1) 6371 MY LEARNED FRIEND 13 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 N Day 73  
3 (1) 6372 MY LEARNED FRIEND 13 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 N Day 73  
4 (1) 6373 MY LEARNED FRIEND 13 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 N Day 73  
5 (1) 6374 MY LEARNED FRIEND 13 (D) P Michael 5-10-0 N Day 73

3.30 40'S ARENA TRAVEL TRAVEL HANDICAP (£6,234, 1m 2) (6 runners)  
1 (1) 6375 104-116 PEATY 20 (D) P Michael 4-9-13 W Ryan 100  
2 (1) 6376 104-116 PEATY 20 (D) P Michael 4-9-13 W Ryan 100  
3 (1) 6377 104-116 PEATY 20 (D) P Michael 4-9-13 W Ryan 100  
4 (1) 6378 104-116 PEATY 20 (D) P Michael 4-9-13 W Ryan 100  
5 (1) 6379 104-116 PEATY 20 (D) P Michael 4-9-13 W Ryan 100

4.00 GIRDLESTONE PUMPS HANDICAP (SHOWCASE RACE) (3-Y-O, £4,698, 2m 3) (8 runners)  
1 (1) 6380 BRIMSTONE 21 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 90  
2 (1) 6381 BRIMSTONE 21 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 90  
3 (1) 6382 BRIMSTONE 21 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 90  
4 (1) 6383 BRIMSTONE 21 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 90  
5 (1) 6384 BRIMSTONE 21 (D) P Michael 8-12 J Doughty 90

4.30 SUNNYS FIELDS CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,087, 6) (15 runners)  
1 (1) 6385 LOUTIA 4 (D) P Michael 4-9-13 J Doughty 100  
2 (1) 6386 LOUTIA 4 (D) P Michael 4-9-13 J Doughty 100  
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# Mexico expose weakness in Dutch arsenal

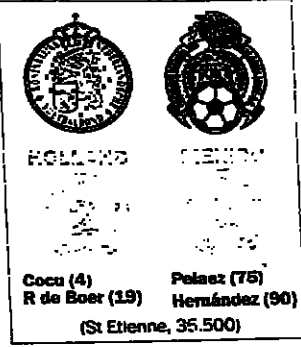
FOR sheer technique, Holland look as though they could live with anyone at this World Cup: for extraordinary fighting spirit, however, Mexico exposed the Dutch as temperamental to a fault. In coming from two goals down, the third time in the competition that they had brought themselves back into a game from arrears, the Central Americans earned their place in the second round, even if it was aided and abetted by Belgium's inability to defeat South Korea in Paris at the same hour.

But what of Holland? They began exquisitely, strolling as if this were a training encounter, passing the ball with a sureness and invention that few in this decade can equal. Dennis Bergkamp, delightfully creative, set up a goal for Phillip Cocu as early as the fourth minute and when, in the eighteenth minute, Ronald de Boer beat three men to strike a wonderful second, it seemed that it might take an abacus to count the score.

Yet does Dutch morale and concentration match their ability? It seems not. Although the players knew that a draw was enough to put them through, they, in the words of Guus Hiddink, their coach, "eased off too much and didn't defend the way we should".

Indeed not. They languidly and complacently invited Mexico's resurgent riposte and, with goals from Ricardo Pelaez in the 75th minute and from the ebullient Luz Hernandez in the fourth minute of stoppage time, they sent their fans into hysteria.

The match had begun under sorrowful skies, the rain falling heavily, the pitch slippery. Perhaps the weather mirrored the inner mood of Wim Jonk, the Holland midfielder who passed master, whose best friend had been killed in a car crash on Monday and who, yesterday morning, as that 31-year-old friend was buried in Amsterdam, had published in *De Telegraaf* his own poem, an ode to Harry Kwakman. He, a former Holland Under-18 international, was remembered in print by Jonk as a



FROM ROB HUGHES

dynamic, passionate mentor. Nevertheless, Jonk asked to play against Mexico and throughout his 70 minutes on the field, he passed the ball thoughtfully, released forwards inventively and proved himself able to play well in the most emotional of circumstances.

Up to his substitution, indeed, the team around him was omnipotent.

When Bergkamp elegantly flicked the ball through in the fourth minute, Cocu was too swift for Suarez and too composed for Campos. At the other end, Van der Sar stretched elastically to block a shot from Blanco, but the Dutch chorus were singing *Auld Lang Syne* when Ronald de Boer, withstanding two tackles and slipping the ball between the legs of a third defender, scored the second.

The Mexicans looked frustrated by the touch, control and movement of Holland, but, gradually, Dutch complacency seeped in. With another inadequate referee, it was understandable that they should not want to collect yellow cards. Jaap Stam and Arthur Numan did so and four Mexicans were also cautioned before a fifth, Ramon Ramirez, was sent off a minute from the end for disputing a clearly offside goal.

That would have been the equaliser because, in the 75th minute, Pelaez, leaping above an inert Dutch defence at a corner, had scored Dutch first goal that Van der Sar had conceded in three games. Now the Mexicans chased and chased until, when all seemed lost, Hernandez equalised. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, who has spent £10 million on Stam, will not enjoy the video of that goal.

HOLLAND (4-2-3-1) E van der Sar (Ajax) — M. Reijnders (Twente), J. Stam (Manchester United), F. de Boer (Ajax), A. Numan (PSV Eindhoven, sub: W. Bogarde, Barcelona, 70min) — R. de Boer (Ajax), 70; E. Davids (Lorient), M. Overmars (Arsenal) — D. Bergkamp (Arsenal, sub: J. F. Hasselbaink, Leeds United, 80); P. Cocu (PSV Eindhoven)

MEXICO (3-5-2) J. Campos (UNAM) — J. Sanchez (Guadalajara, sub: R. Pelaez, America, 56); C. Suarez (Guadalajara), D. Davino (America) — S. Camarero (Toluca), G. Villa (America), R. Ramirez (Guadalajara), A. G. Aspe (America) — B. Lugo (UNAM, sub: J. Arriola, Guadalajara, 46) — C. Blanco (Necaxa), L. Hernandez (Necaxa)

Referee: A. Rahman al-Zaid (Saudi Arabia)



Blanco and Hernandez, second right, look on as Van der Sar is beaten by a Pelaez header for Mexico's first goal

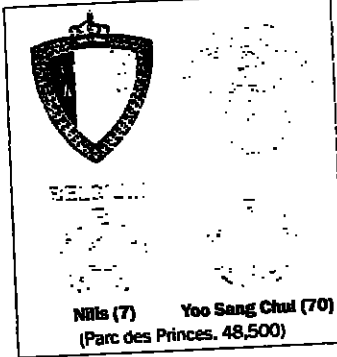
# Belgium's advance is held

BELGIUM are out of the World Cup finals, having failed to maintain their proud record of reaching at least the second round. South Korea, too, will be flying home and have still to win a game in the finals after 44 years of trying.

However, it was they who had more justification than the Belgians to feel happy with themselves in the Parc des Princes yesterday. A goal behind after only six minutes, physically so much less robust than their opponents, they gradually managed to play themselves back into this group E game, equalised after 72 minutes and could have won.

True, by the time that Choi Yong-Su, their striker, had missed a couple of very good chances, Belgium had struck menacingly a couple of times themselves. Once, Nils hit the underside of the crossbar; later, after clever work out on the left by Van Kerckhoven, going first inside and then outside his man before crossing, Nils had a point-blank shot saved by the resourceful Kim Byung-Ji.

In the early stages of the second half, when Belgium finally raised their game after a dull and disappointing first period, it looked as though the South Korean citadel would crumble again. Instead, there was an exciting contest in prospect. Belgium knew that a draw would eliminate them. South Korea knew that a victory might just give them a chance of survival.



FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

Belgium began as though they were going to sweep the Koreans aside. After five minutes, a careless pass found Scifo, at 32 a World Cup veteran playing in his 83rd international match, and his powerful shot was turned behind by Kim Byung-Ji.

It took only another minute for Belgium to go ahead. Oliveira took a corner from the right and Vidovic's header was cleared off the line by Kim Tae-Young, only for Nils to drive the ball inexorably home.

Four minutes into the second half, South Korea served notice that they were not the impotent team that they had looked before the interval. Lee Min-Sung moved up into the vanguard, beat Staelens, the Belgium sweeper, and his shot was only half-blocked by Van de Walle. Staelens

however, rushed back to head off the line. Against that, Nils struck a ferocious shot against the underside of the crossbar.

The equaliser arrived when Ha sent in a long cross from the left that the Belgium defence allowed to reach the far post. There, Yoo materialised to squeeze his shot across the goalkeeper.

When Van de Walle came up in the final moments for a corner, you knew that Belgium were in a desperate plight. Kim Byung-Ji collected the ball from the corner and booted it downfield, but though Van de Walle was far from his goal, trouble was averted. Not, however, to the extent of preserving Belgium's place in the competition.

Georges Leekens, the Belgium coach, said that things had gone wrong for his team in midfield after Scifo came off to be replaced by the 37-year-old Van der Elst.

BELGIUM (1-2-5-2) P. van de Walle (Aston Villa) — L. Staelens (FC Brugge) — V. Borremans (FC Brugge), M. G. Vidovic (Mouscron) — E. Deflandre (FC Brugge), M. Wilmet (Schalke 04), N. van Kerckhoven (SK. Lokeren), P. Clerfayt (Racing Genk), sub: L. Mpenza (Lille), S. Van der Elst (FC Brugge), 67 — L. Oliveira (Flamengo, sub: M. Mpenza (Standard Liege, 46), L. Nils (PSV Eindhoven)

SOUTH KOREA (1-2-5-2) Kim Byung-Ji (Ulsan Hyundai) — Hong Myung-Soo (Beams Hwangju) — Lee Sang-Ho (Anyang LG), sub: Jang Hyung-Sook, Ulsan Hyundai, 89) — Kim Tae-Young (Chunnam Dragons), sub: Cho Sung-Yong (Sangju Phoenix), sub: Lee Lim-Sang, Puchon, 46), Kim Doh-Koun (Chunnam Dragons), sub: Ko Jong-Soo (Suwon Samsung 42), Ha Seok-Ho (Cerezo Osaka), Lee Min-Sung (Pusan Daewoo), Yoo Sang-Chul (Ulsan Hyundai) — Choi Yong-Soo (Sangju Phoenix), Seo Jung-Won (Ssangnong)

Referee: M. Ricardo De Freitas (Brazil)

# Hoddle's finest fill Argentina with confidence

FROM MATT DICKINSON IN BORDEAUX

ARGENTINA, potential World Cup-winners and likely opponents for England should they reach the next round, busied themselves yesterday making final preparations for the decisive game against Croatia, but they were not rehearsing moves or practising free kicks. They were playing netball.

Giggling like silly schoolgirls, Batisuta, Ortega, Veron and company skipped the length and breadth of the Parc Lescur, lobbing the ball from hand to hand. A cunning plan to baffle opponents? An ingenious way of coaching off-the-ball movement? "No, it's just a bit of fun," a member of the Argentina party said. "The players need to be relaxed."

So they were as they gambolled around the turf, wrestling each other to the floor to the utter bewilderment of some Croatian visitors. So much for the Europeans' spying trip. The only revelation was that Batisuta would have been a star at St. Trinian's.

Argentina could not have looked less like a team riven by acrimonious squabbles, but that is what some Buenos Aires reports would have the world believe. Indeed, stories that Ortega and Batisuta had exchanged angry words during and after the unconvincing opening 1-0 victory over Japan had been taken so badly to heart that the entire squad turned up for their next press conference and stood shoulder to shoulder. "We are coming here together to show our unity," Diego Simeone, the captain, said. "Now we speak all at once or not at all."

Yesterday, it was left to Daniel Passarella, the coach — who was celebrating the twentieth anniversary of his, and his country's, World Cup triumph in 1978 — to talk of his team's unequivocal desire to beat Croatia and top group H.

Such a scenario, which is highly likely given that Passarella has promised to field his strongest team this afternoon, will bring a second-round confrontation with England, should results go as

Glenn Hoddle expects tonight. It is not, the England coach will be disappointed to hear, a scenario that brings out Passarella in a cold sweat. Far from it.

"We want to win this game and play our next game in St. Etienne," he said, "because we are based there anyway. Staying there is our most important priority." Avoiding England, clearly, is not — and who can blame Passarella?

Having beaten Jamaica 5-0 in their last game, with a hat-trick from Batisuta crowning an imperious performance that also included two goals from Ortega, Argentina know that they need fear nobody.

Worryingly, it is a route through the World Cup that Croatia, too, believe offers healthy chances of advance-



Ortega: sparking play

ment to the quarter-finals. Miroslav Blazevic, the Croatia coach, has expressed his hopes of facing the best that Hoddle can muster in St. Etienne next Tuesday.

"I'm going to put out the best team possible," Blazevic said. "I would rather face England than Romania since Romania plays the same style as us. The fact that some of our players are on major European squads is a plus for our team."

So rather than play out a steady draw, Argentina and Croatia will go at each other pell-mell in the hope of meeting England. One only hopes that they are not disappointed. Over to you, Glenn.

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Germany ensure they reserve room at the top

BEFORE kick-off, the struggle for victory in group F appeared almost perfectly balanced, with Germany and Yugoslavia both holding four points.

Scoreboard for Germany vs Iran: Germany 2, Iran 0. Goalscorers: Bierhoff (50), Klinsmann (58).

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA

Age is unable to alter the character of a man, not even that of an athlete. There were three players in the Germany side last night who possessed more than 100 caps and the irreverent observer might have ignored the honours gathered by Kohler, Matthäus and Klinsmann, preferring to conclude that Vogts, the coach, must be in charge of a decrepit squad.

Iran would have been glad to find it so in the first half, but all those years only acted as weight thrown behind the momentum of Germany's attacks. Some of these men might appear to be approaching the bath-chair stage, but they still act as if at the wheel of a steamroller. There were trademarks left all over Iran.

Impressive though the dynamism looked, there was always a danger that it would become the sole context of Germany's performance. Iran experienced physical discomfort while dealing with it, but they were often at ease in other respects. Vogts's team rarely suggested that they were capable of the technique and guile

that could have embarrassed their opponents.

In a typical move, Bierhoff rose at the back post and nodded into the path of Heinrich, who missed his kick. Hässler strove to add variety, but the game too often rejected his wishes.

Iran, having defeated the United States, knew that they would advance to the second round if they defeated Germany. The ambition was not fanciful. Köpcke was the more nervous goalkeeper, fumbling a free kick from Mahdavi in the fourteenth minute as if stricken by the recollection of the error that allowed Yugoslavia their second goal in the 2-2 draw with Germany in the previous match. Fortunately for Germany, there was no such wavering in the mind of Köpcke a minute later, when he raced from his area to clear from the promising young Mahdavi.

If Germany are still numbered among the possible winners of this World Cup, it is because people are wary of the resolve that inhabits their minds. As with so many clichés, German determination is simply an enduring fact. It eventually told last night when Hässler's fine cross from the right, in the 50th minute, was headed home by Bierhoff.

which Germany apply themselves. Doubts and misgivings, which might erode the purposefulness, are eradicated. Dissatisfied with their display in the first half, they simply increased the aggression rather than attempt a change of style. Thon was removed at the interval, letting Matthäus step back to sweeper so that the youthful Hamann could be introduced into the midfield.

Iran were overpowered and Germany, in the 58th minute, increased their lead. A diagonal ball from Matthäus towards the right of the penalty area was headed into the middle by Heinrich to Bierhoff, whose well-executed shot probably deserved a goal. It struck the post, but Klinsmann contorted to head in the rebound.

Despite that success by the veteran, the passage of time has seen Bierhoff emerge as an equal partner. The Udinese forward might have recorded his third goal of this tournament a few moments later, when his drive slipped narrowly wide of the target.

The desire to crush Iran was more than just a question of competitive instinct. Germany wished to be absolutely certain of winning the group, thereby avoiding a second-round match with Holland. Iran are spirited and Mahdavi was unfortunate to see a shot bounce to safety off the body of Daei, his own team-mate.

Most of all, though, it was Iran's bad luck to be facing the sheer insistence of Germany.

GERMANY (3-4-1-2): A Köpcke (Mainz); J Kohler (Borussia Dortmund); O Thon (Schalke 04); sub: D Hermann (Bayern Munich); C Wörns (Paris Saint-Germain); J Heinrich (Borussia Dortmund); J Hamann (Bayern Munich); T Helmer (Bayern Munich); M Tarnat (Bayern Munich); sub: C Ziege, AC Milan; 78 - J Hässler (Borussia Dortmund); sub: U Kirsten, Bayer Leverkusen; 70 - O Bierhoff (Udinese); J Klinsmann (Tottenham Hotspur); IRAN (3-4-1-2): A Abolmohammadi (Persepolis); M Khatami (Persepolis); M Mostafaei (Persepolis); M Pashazadeh (Esteghlal); J Zareh (Persepolis); sub: S Dini (Persepolis); 71; M Mahdavi (Persepolis); H Estili (Bahrain); M Mahdavi (Persepolis); K Azad (FC Cologne); A Daei (Verona); Referee: E González Chavez (Paraguay)



Klinsmann, the Germany forward, feels the full force of a two-man challenge during the win over Iran last night

Yugoslavia foil lively fightback

YUGOSLAVIA encountered a United States team more lively than it had been in either of its previous two World Cup matches, but defended an early goal in Nantes last night to book their place in the knockout stages.

Yugoslavia finish behind Germany on goal difference and now face a challenging tie in the round of the last 16 against Holland in Toulouse on Monday.

During the day there had been reports of a split between Steve Sampson, the US coach, and his team but, if true, the rift was not labouring in the minds of the players. The US, having lacked much invention in their opening two matches, were bustling with enterprise and could count themselves unfortunate to be trailing at the interval.

Against Germany, when they lost 2-0, and against Iran, who beat them 2-1, the US had resorted heavily to the long ball game, with little effect. Here they opted for a shorter game. A goal down in three minutes, they did not, as

Scoreboard for United States vs Yugoslavia: United States 0, Yugoslavia 1. Goalscorer: Nomanjic (4).

BY DAVID POWELL

might have been expected, shatter into pieces, though they must have felt their luck was out.

Within 20 seconds of kick-off, Cobi Jones floated a cross that went beyond Ivica Kralj and hit his far post. Barely had the disappointment subsided when Yugoslavia took the lead. Sinisa Mihajlovic, having scored the goal that beat Iran with an explosive free kick, now produced one that Brad Friedel, the US goalkeeper, managed only to parry sideways. Slobodan Komljenovic was perfectly placed to head in from an angle. Friedel, with nothing but honour resting on the game

for the US, had replaced Kasey Keller, of Leicester City, his fellow FA Carling Premiership goalkeeper.

The most notable absentee, though, was Tab Ramos, who had appeared in all nine matches his country had played in three successive World Cup finals.

In a game flowing from one end to the other, Friedel was the busier of the two goalkeepers. After 17 minutes, he saved at his near post from Dejan Stankovic, who underhit the chance. Friedel was then required to gather a difficult, inswinging corner on his line and he kept out a shot from Milosevic, recalled to the side

after being omitted for the 2-2 draw with Germany.

Yugoslavia, having conceded a two-goal advantage to Germany in the last 17 minutes, were determined not to let slip another lead. However, when Moore took up a good position after 33 minutes, the Yugoslavia defence failed to notice him. To their relief, Moore volleyed wide. Earlier, Kralj had saved well from a McBride header. The US were showing greater urgency than in either of their previous matches and, after 78 minutes, McBride had another header saved.

UNITED STATES (3-5-2): B Friedel (Liverpool); M Burns (New England Revolution); T Dooley (Columbus Crew); D Regis (Kashruth); F Hielok (Tampa Bay Mutiny); G Reyna (Netherlands); M Matzraeus (Columbus Crew); S Stewart (NAC Breda); JH Moore (New England Revolution); C Jones (Los Angeles Galaxy); B McBride (Columbus Crew); YUGOSLAVIA (3-5-2): I Kralj (Partizan Belgrade); G Djorovic (Celta Vigo); S Mihajlovic (Sampdoria); Z Petrovic (Krasnodar); S Komljenovic (MSV Duisburg); D Stankovic (Lazio); D Stojkovic (Rangers); G Gramos (Spartan); V Jovicic (Lazio); S Jolicinovic (Tottenham); S Milosevic (Aston Villa); P Mijatovic (Real Madrid); sub: P Ciganovic; Rad Sar Belgrade, 31; Referee: G Mahmoud Ahmed Ghandour (Egypt)

Motson is BBC's choice for the final

THE BBC has selected John Motson as its television commentator for the World Cup final, ahead of Barry Davies, the controversial choice for the final in the United States four years ago.

The decision was taken by Niall Sloane, the editor of BBC TV's World Cup coverage. "Both John and Barry are universally acknowledged as being brilliant commentators and it was a very difficult decision to make," he said.

Georges Leekens, the Belgium coach, is expected to hold a news conference today to announce that he will resign after his team's failure to make the second round.

"We started well but then we collapsed after the first goal," he said of his team's 1-1 draw with South Korea. "I thought we were ready to go for 4-0. Maybe it's mental distress that caused the collapse. In these games, you have to get the second goal and we failed to do that."

Leekens explained that he replaced Enzo Scifo with Franky van der Elst, who was not fully fit, in the second half to give the team balance. "We needed people to get behind the ball but Enzo Scifo was not doing that," he said. "Overall in this World Cup, we did not have enough quality." Kim Pyong-Sok, the stand-in coach of South Korea, was delighted with his team.

"This display was what we needed as we start our preparation to host the finals in 2002," he said.

Javier Clemente, the Spain coach, said he had no intention of resigning after his team's elimination. Spain went out despite their 6-1 thrashing of Bulgaria on Wednesday after a defeat by Nigeria and a draw with Paraguay.

"Resigning would make me look shabby and I've always been a fighter," Clemente said.

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Ginola proves an inspired choice

AS ENGLAND do battle with Colombia amid the heat and tension of Lens this evening, the BBC panel will gaze out from its rooftop eyrie, overlooking the Place de la Concorde in Paris, and pronounce judgment on England's progress, or elimination from the last 16 of the World Cup. Cool, clear heads will be called for. At least Niall Sloane, the programme editor, is prepared to reveal his team line-up long before kick-off. He does not believe in Glenn Hoddle-type secrecy and thus Jimmy Hill, Alan Hansen and David Ginola have been named as the English-Scottish-French alliance.

They will be refereed, naturally, by Desmond Lynam, with the commentary and colour provided by John Motson and Trevor Brooking from the Stade Felix-Bollaert. Gary Lineker and Martin O'Neill will also chip in with words of wisdom from a temporary platform situated somewhere in the ground.

Many compliments have been received about the Beeb's Paris vantage point - ITV use a virtual reality studio backdrop, filmed before the tournament began - and Sloane is happy with it, too. "It gives a wonderful view and creates an environment in which everyone feels comfortable," he said. "It's good having the panel in one place, rather than careering round the country, and we tried four or five different hotels before finding the right place. German TV tried to get it off us and thought they had it, but, fortunately, we managed to get the towels down first."

Lynam and Co have been receiving 1,000 e-mails and faxes every day, while the BBC website, on which Radio Botswana bases its World Cup bulletins, has recorded 400,000 daily hits. Ginola - "that gorgeous hunk of sex", as one ITV assistant described him this week - has also proved a star attraction, regardless of his basic grasp of the English language.

Strangely, most of the attention appears to have focused on the kidney-shaped coffee table around which the pundits sit and expound their theories. Many offers have

been made to purchase the wooden, metal-framed creation of Paul Sudlow, a set designer, and it has been decided to auction it later in the year, with the money going to the Children in Need charity.

Sadly, for the female viewers, the panel will lose the

dashing Ginola this weekend, with Christian Gross, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, demanding that his players report back early for pre-season training. If not, fair maidens, he will return in time for the quarter-finals.

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WORLD CUP 98



Gomez, left, will be looking to the ageing Valderrama to provide the midfield inspiration for Colombia tonight. Photograph: Ricardo Mazalan

THE world of Colombian football has long been a volatile environment and as disputes over the exclusion from selection of Faustino Asprilla, the former Newcastle United striker, and criticism of the player's motivation simmer on, amid government interference, there is concern that the team has been distracted from the task at hand.

Strife in the Colombia camp flared up after Asprilla was substituted during their opening match against Romania, which they lost 1-0. Asprilla subsequently made comments on Colombian radio questioning the tactics of Hernán Dario Gomez, the coach, suggesting that he had favoured a clique of players. He referred to Carlos Valderrama, the captain, as the "untouchable" and criticised his lack of application.

At the team hotel in La Tour du Pin, near Lyons, a meeting of players and coaching staff was called, at which Asprilla was present. It was put to them that Asprilla had broken a code of conduct binding the players and that he should be banished from the camp. There was general agreement, but several players were opposed to the move. Nor have

# Colombia hope to leave strife behind

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LA TOUR DU PIN

they been the only Colombians to voice disapproval. In a fit of pique, Ernesto Samper, the outgoing President of Colombia, contacted the Colombian football federation to protest at the decision and to insist on Asprilla's reinstatement. The message was conveyed to Gomez, who stuck to his guns. It has been left to Valderrama to try to calm the waters.

The flop-haired midfielder player, 36, who rarely speaks to the press, has been at pains to emphasise that the team is still united. "I've always given 100 per cent for my country," he said in reference to the Asprilla row. "I've never complained about being substituted and always respect the coach's decision."

Colombia's indiscipline has let them down in the past and England will be hoping that

these latest distractions will psychologically dent a team that is weaker than the one that appeared in the United States four years ago. At the last World Cup, Colombia were one of the fancied sides before the tournament began, yet it all came



Asprilla: banished

to nought when they finished last in their group behind Romania, Switzerland and the United States. Andres Escobar, who scored an own goal in the match against the United States, was shot dead by a fanatical supporter when he returned home.

After the 1994 finals, Francisco Matuana was replaced as coach by Gomez, who had been his deputy. He has remodelled the side around Valderrama and Asprilla, without making significant changes. Colombia's two performances at these World Cup finals have produced little in the way of enterprise. There were 84 minutes on the clock when the team finally conjured up a goal in the 1-0 victory over Tunisia. Valderrama guided the ball languidly through the Tunisia

defence and Leider Preciado, the 21-year-old who had been Asprilla's substitute in the game against Romania, scored a fine goal.

Colombia will be hoping that Preciado, a striker at Santa Fe/Bogota, who will be making only his fifth appearance for the national team, can again turn it on against England tonight. The defence, starting with the goalkeeper, Farid Mondragon, looks vulnerable and they will be without José Santa, who is suspended after collecting two yellow cards.

At a tough training session ahead of the England match, the coach and players spoke of how they had put the Asprilla affair behind them. Gomez has held individual talks with the players who protested at Asprilla's dismissal. He said that the crisis had helped the players rally round and there was now plenty of motivation after England's defeat by Romania. His sentiments were echoed by his goalkeeper.

"Asprilla is my friend, but that dispute is now past," Mondragon said. "We must now focus on what we can do with those of us who are left behind."

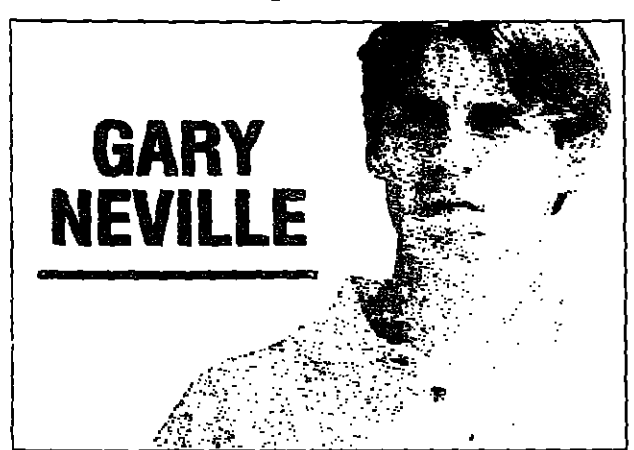
# We all know that this is the time to perform

There is still a relaxed atmosphere within the England squad, but under the surface I can sense a real determination to work and work and work to get the right result against Colombia tonight. It might be the last of the group games, but we all know that for us the knockout stage starts here in Lens. We all know this is the time to perform. It is do or die. It is us or them.

In some ways, the defeat against Romania might even have done us a few favours. We were all watching France on Wednesday and, when they went a goal up so early on against Denmark, someone said: "They are doing too well." I did not think it was possible for us to do too well, but they might have been right.

You only have to look at what happened to Spain. They came into the tournament having only lost something like three of their past 40 games. Their confidence would have been sky-high, but then, suddenly, they found themselves in a position where they got to their last group game and were thinking: "We had better play here." In the end, it was too late, which was a shame because they could have gone a lot further in this competition. I think they would have beaten France in the next round. The difference with us, though, is that we have had our setback now and it has been forced home to us that this is not going to be easy. We still have time to do something about it.

Now that we are effectively in the knockout stages, we know that we will not be able to get away with any more poor performances. If we play average, then maybe we might get through on penalties, but anything less and we will be out. You can only live for so long on your luck and then it runs out, like ours did in Euro 96. This time, we want to save it all up for when we really need it.



GARY NEVILLE

important than ever. I always try to go to bed as much before midnight as possible the night before the game because it has been emphasised to us that the most important sleeping hours are between 10pm and 2am.

Most of us will get up about 8.30am or 9am and have a bit of breakfast, which is usually yoghurt, toast and jam and some poached eggs. We do not put any sugar into our

used to. We usually have some sort of meeting about 8.15pm and then some tea and toast afterwards. Then, it is back to the room — and that is when you are really starting to focus on the game and run it through in your mind, because, by then, you have got all the information that you are going to get on the opposition.

When we leave for the stadium, I am almost always the first on the coach. It is a sort of superstition, but it is more that I hate it if I am trying to get ready in a rush. That is the worst feeling. I often get down to

## The Romania defeat may have done us a favour?

the coach about half an hour before everybody else so I can relax and know that I am ready to go.

All these things are just routines you get into, things that help you to get your mind absolutely right. Even if someone brings you the wrong shin pads or a shirt with short sleeves instead of long sleeves, it can just introduce a little bit of worry into your mind, so there is a lot of pressure on the England kit man.

When I get to the stadium, I go out and have a walk round the pitch, just to get an idea of the atmosphere and the light. Then, when the warm-up starts, the nervous part is over. I am not too bad then because I know I am working. I am doing my job. It is essential that you get every part of the preparation right, but it is the game that you live for.

# Disappointed Spain left to face home truths

WHATEVER fate awaits England in Lens tonight, it cannot be the same experience — of exasperation and triumph combined — that befell Spain at this tournament. After beating Bulgaria 6-1 on Wednesday night, they came off the field unable to separate the emotions of winning and losing spectacularly in the same moment. Queen Sofia of Spain, at the side of her husband, King Juan Carlos, applauded the victory and exclaimed: "We still played pretty well tonight."

Too late, alas for Spain. How could it be that a side so rampant, so powerful, so full of scoring potential and who many believed had the capability of going all the way had been erased from this tournament? The Spanish acquisition will doubtless criticise Andoni Zubizarreta, the ageing goalkeeper, who will never live down his own goal that turned

Spain's first game against Nigeria.

Javier Clemente, the Spain coach, anticipated this public outcry when, after his team's bewildering eclipse, he announced: "I would like to express my friendship and gratitude to the best goalkeeper in the world whom you [the Spanish press] have put through some hellish hours. I hope you will now pay homage to him."

Silence — and then the first sounds of clamorous dissent hit Clemente. He will not escape the accusing fingers, for it has been said here — by Guus Hiddink, the Holland coach, among others — that Spain came to this World Cup with such an array of firepower that only overcaution by the coach could deny them their due.

Yet even that is simplistic and spares some of the men in authority, who will surely now

## Rob Hughes examines the reasons behind the failure of one of the favourites to win the World Cup

fire Clemente, from their own culpability. If many think, in England, that the FA Carling Premiership is overlong and over-competitive, then heed the fact that Spain's fixture list is even larger.

Raúl, the dashing young prince of Real Madrid, for example, scored one sweet, volleyed goal, yet everyone knew that he was overworked, overplayed and that he had been suffering from a groin strain for two months.

Some day, the administrators in countries such as England and Spain will appreciate that the diminishing few world-class artists of the game are only flesh and blood

and that myopic league structures and club and country demands on them will have a backlash, such as Spain's at this World Cup.

Amid the tears on the way to the final dressing-room, Alfonso, the Spain centre forward, lamented: "We have felt a little bit on our own in this World Cup." He referred to the abandonment of the team by the supporters, but he might also have meant the greed of the Spanish clubs, who, refusing to cut down on their fixtures, had carried the season to within three weeks of the tournament.

Fernando Morientes, the 22-year-old Real Madrid strik-

er, whose form for club and country has been a revelation of Spain's year, summed it up when he said: "We could have been rejoicing and now we are going home. That's life: one day you are happy; the next you are sad."

The first match against Nigeria did the damage, but it mustn't finish here, we must go on. I will spend the rest of the World Cup with my family, even if it's not the place I wished to be.

With South Korea and Japan scheduled to stage the World Cup finals of 2002, but Asia not yet having achieved a single victory at this tournament, the balance of world power seems reluctant to be moved.

Nigeria, still the potent force of Africa, have to guard against the arrogance that allowed Paraguay to come from behind against them on Wednesday. The talents of

Nigeria, when focused, remain the hope of the third, emerging continent, to prevent Europe or South America maintaining their hold on the World Cup.

Bora Milutinovic, the no-madric coach of Nigeria, born in Yugoslavia, who has now worked on all the continents, said: "Respect and dignity are always very important in football — but I think only of our team, just Nigeria, Africa and ourselves."

An African now, is he? The man moves wherever the money and the ambition takes him: he has no regrets about what his new charges did to Clemente's Spain nor to the fact that Mexico, having fired him earlier this year, have also justified their act by qualifying for the second round. It seems, after all, that players and neither coaches nor administrators win or lose on the ground.

# Spanish guys set the night ablaze with passion



Spain's players rejoice during their emphatic but ultimately meaningless defeat of Bulgaria

At 10.15pm local time on Wednesday night, an air of unreality came over the Stade Felix-Bollaert. Spain were beating Bulgaria in their last group D match, but elsewhere Paraguay were beating Nigeria. Night had fallen and the football had become luminously enhanced. Oh lumme. How dreadful. Everyone in the stadium knew precisely what would happen next, as certainly as someone drops a vase and watches in helpless, slow-motion agony as it falls and breaks. Spain were now chained in the path of a speeding train. Although it was yet a boiling speck in the distance, the Hasta La Vista Express was coming for them and, no matter how many attitudes they frantically struck in the meantime, in half an hour the train would rattle overhead ("Boop — borp") and they would be left on the track for all to see, as flat as a tortilla.

I'd like to think that, in the same circumstances, I would behave so well, because that last half-hour of Spain's World Cup story in 1998 was almost operatically beautiful. It was a privilege to be there. Far from trying to chew off their own feet in the panic ("Poop parp," announced the approaching locomotive, menacingly), the Spanish performed a football equivalent of a dance of death. They preened; they strutted; dammit, they all but sang. They put

six goals past Bulgaria — and it was, of course, only incidental that most of these doomed young Spaniards were drop-dead gorgeous. Why, had no one told me about Spain? I remember them from the most agonising match of Euro 96, but until Wednesday night I never saw the talent of Luis Enrique (of Barcelona), and now it breaks my heart that I shan't be seeing it hereafter, in the next-round match against France. The mystery, of course, is why it took so long for these brave *hombres* to locate their winning streak, losing 3-2 to Nigeria and drawing 0-0 with Paraguay. I will just sniff a bit at the tragedy of it and then, oh, I don't know, lie back and try not to think of England.

It's hard not to think of England while staying in the town of Lille, however. English fans have been making the centre a veritable Little Chelmsford this week. "Pint," they say to the uncomprehending waiting staff in the brasseries. Asked to elaborate, they make an effort. "Pint, mate," I can hardly criticise them on this score, however, having lost my own nerve for French banter on day



Rob Hughes

two of the trip. Although I brought along a copy of *Paradise My French*, a guide to French slang, I was ridiculously optimistic to do so. Slang? Since when has authentic idiom been required to ask for the *clef de ma chambre* or a taxi to the airport at half past six? I mean, it's good to know that if a Frenchman asks you for a delacroix, he's not asking you to produce a huge French masterpiece from the Louvre, but is a gallic Arthur Daley figure, referring to a 100 franc note. But it's too good for looking at the stuff. I've had most fun looking at the guide to English slang for the use of French people. I mean, did you know that the slang expression "a right Sharon and Tracey" derives from "les pronoms tres courants dans les milieux populaires et, de ce fait, sont consideres comme par beaucoup de gens"?

You can tell I'm trying not to think about the England match — wittering on about how to say "ton" in another language — but I can't say I'm looking forward to the encounter. However, since I've been obliged to develop vicious kick-boxing skills in the fight for my press

ticket, I suppose that, if they finally relent and let me in, I can hardly say I've changed my mind, and would rather spend the evening with my head down the toilet. Good grief, it's hard work. I'm sure my day-to-day problems with World Cup bureaucracy are of scant interest, but I'll just say this. When I stepped blithely out of the civilised world of equal opportunities into the sizzly arena of football, I had no idea the level of moral outrage I would continually incur.

Take, for example, Tuesday. There I was, routinely arguing myself *bleu* in the visage with an official at Lens concerning the England match. "Go on the waiting list!" he insisted. I pointed out with some force that none of my colleagues (all male) was on this waiting list and that my application should carry the same force as theirs. I ought to mention that this situation has arisen three times previously, at other events. "Go on the waiting list!" he repeated. At which point, a male colleague from another paper came to lend moral support and a miracle happened. *Voilà!* The dam broke; the chap caved in.

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TENNIS

Wilkinson revels in limelight after impressive victory

By Nick Szczepanik

CHRIS WILKINSON, the man who thrives at Wimbledon, reached the third round of the men's singles for the fourth time in his career yesterday with a straight-sets win over Marc Rosset, of Switzerland, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6, on No 1 Court.



The 6ft 7in Rosset has no great grass-court pedigree, never having gone past the third round here, but with a world ranking of No 39, represents a significant scalp for Wilkinson, the Great Britain No 3 and world No 156, who has yet to drop a set in the competition.

"It was a great feeling," Wilkinson said. "It was nice to win on one of the big courts against a name player. Last year, on Court No 13 against Bjorkman I first-round victory, it was smaller and no so noisy. The partisan crowd, he said, had been inspiring. "The main thing is giving them something to shout about," he said. "At the end, there were some very exciting points and it was deafening."

It helped that Wilkinson made a good start with an early break of service. True, he surrendered it without much delay, but it did not seem to matter — it was that sort of afternoon, the Briton smiling to himself as if he could do no wrong.

Whenever Wilkinson dropped his service, he broke back: when a Rosset return

smacked the net-cord, the ball thought about dropping over for a second, then fell back. Reveling in the noisy support, he took the first set on a Rosset double fault.

Even squandering a 4-1 lead in the third set provided an opportunity for Wilkinson to demonstrate his resilience, although when Rosset broke his service to lead 6-5, it must have seemed to anyone who had not sensed the mood of the match year, on Court No 13 against Bjorkman I first-round victory, it was smaller and no so noisy. "The partisan crowd, he said, had been inspiring. "The main thing is giving them something to shout about," he said. "At the end, there were some very exciting points and it was deafening."

Rosset, whose victory over Cedric Pioline had come late in the previous evening, showed his indignation, leading to a warning for a code violation, while Wilkinson, unworried by losing his service on the first point of the tie-break, went on to win it with something to spare. His opponent

left briskly, acknowledging the crowd's displeasure with an ironic thumbs-up gesture. "I kept at it and started hitting positively again," Wilkinson said. "He blows so hot and cold, so if I hung on, he was likely to give up some points. If I could put pressure on him, that was my best chance." Wilkinson's next opponent will be Wayne Ferreira, of South Africa. "If I play like I did today, I feel I've got a chance," he said.

For other British players, Wimbledon victories are like those proverbial London buses. In the case of Samantha Smith, the British women's No 1, there were no wins for six years, then two came along at once. After an X-ray early yesterday on the ankle she injured in her second-round game, Smith declared herself fit to face Conchita Martinez, the 1994 champion, on No 2 Court today, availing the grim coincidence of both Britain's No 1 players being eliminated by similar injuries.

Unfortunately, Smith will not be joined by either Karen Cross or Louise Latimer, who lost rain-affected second-round matches. Cross, who reached the third round last year, was beaten 6-2, 7-5 by Tamarine Tanasugarn, of Thailand, the world No 42, falling prey to the inconsistency that she feels she must overcome. "It was frustrating," Cross said. "I'm capable of playing at that level. It's a question of practice so that it becomes a way of life."

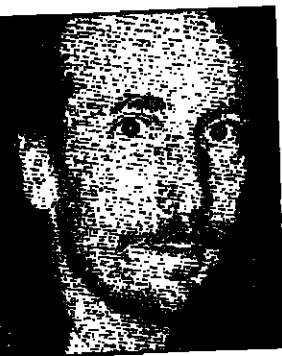
Latimer found the going predictably tough against Sabine Appelmans, the world No 25, from Belgium. When the covers went on for the first time, Latimer was 4-0 down and two points from defeat the second time. The third period of play brought a great improvement, as Latimer managed a break of the Appelmans service, but still went out 6-1, 6-4. "I was 225 places lower than her so I didn't feel any pressure," she said. "It was a good experience; I can see what I need to do to reach that level."



Wilkinson stays focused during his victory yesterday

Return train leaves without Capriati

SIMON BARNES



At Wimbledon

Jennifer Capriati is the girl who aimed for normality and missed. She escaped from the madness of tennis and found that real life was even crazier. Now she is back in tennis again, looking not exactly happy, but well, I expect it is a case of better the demons you know than the demons you don't. Yesterday she took on Lori McNeil in the second round. McNeil was playing on the circuit long before Capriati was a teenage prodigy and plays with undiluted appetite as if she will never stop, or want to. In a sport filled with teenaged promise, McNeil is 34 and always ready for the next scrap.

Capriati was a set up and a break up in the second and going well, but then it all went wrong, because McNeil gives up the way that a Jack Russell gives up. So McNeil carried the day, from rain delay to rain delay, winning 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Capriati was not so much outplayed as outthought: a bad sign for anybody essaying a comeback.

The miracle is not that Capriati played reasonably well, but that she played at all. This is her first Wimbledon for five years. She has left her wildly hyped girlhood behind and, as a result, her hair has turned quite chestnut from grey. There is not a whole lot remaining of the 14-year-old who was just on the point of being the greatest tennis player that ever lived — certainly the richest.

She aimed high and missed. Peaking at No 6 in the world rankings, reaching the Wimbledon semi-finals in 1991, when she was 15, her career somehow missed its trajectory. The queen of endorsements, an American national icon, her job was to win



The double-fisted backhand is still there, but the joy had gone from Capriati yesterday

as many tennis matches as possible while behaving as much as possible like a perambulating slice of apple pie. She did it well. Too. The tennis matches were a breeze; with extraordinary precocious power, she hit deep and hard on both wings, a swooping forehand and an all-American, double-fisted backhand.

It all looks oddly old-fashioned now. She lacks the intriguing tennis qualities of the present hyped bunch of teenagers. She is a baseline wallower, at 22, a real throwback.

She used to play the part — the acceptable face of teenagedom — really rather well, too. She was, from head

to toe, the enfant too terribly terrible. In Paris, she referred to Napoleon as "the little dead dude" and thought, or at least, charmingly affected to think that Notre-Dame was a football field.

Yet disaster was waiting. Out in the first round of the US Open in 1993 and that was Drummond — away she went in

full flight from parents and sponsors and self-imposed pressures. Off to the things that normal healthy teenagers do: drugs, stolen goods, running away, that sort of thing. Having aimed high and missed, she then aimed low. And missed again.

What remained? Sherlock Holmes, asked the same question, responded: "For me remains the cocaine bottle." For Capriati, the only thing that remained was tennis. If tennis is the nearest you can get to sanity, then you are in a pretty bad way.

So back she went, back to have a second try at her own adolescence. Back to the routines of baseline wallowing, the old remembered gesture of tucking the spare service ball into the knickers. What else could she do? As the gambler said when playing against the cardsharp, it's the only game in town.

The cards are stacked against any athlete who makes a comeback. "Right now, I want it pretty bad," she said. "I'm really, you know, focused and determined. I have to believe in myself and I believe that I can, you know, go all the way."

If she really believes that, she is leader and high priestess of a cult with a congregation of one. What remains of the tennis? The forehand, yes, and the backhand — but that is never enough. When she hits them — that is to say, when she gets herself in the right position to hit them — they stay hit. She can still hit deep and hard and, occasionally, she can find some telling and probing angles.

But as for footwork, she plays in diver's boots and her once sunny on-court temperament has been replaced by a darker and cloudier weather of the kind we meet too often in this particular suburb. There is no joy in her tennis any more; one wonders where she goes to find that particular commodity these days.

Professional sport is a train and Capriati has been duffled. Duffled was the man who got off the train in *The Great Railway Bazaar* to purchase something on the platform and the train went without him. Picture poor Jenny Cap, running like mad along the platform, going as fast as she can run... the train going faster and faster and all the doors have been closed tight.

GOLF: SCOTTISH RYDER CUP STALWART RECAPTURES BEST FORM IN FRENCH OPEN

Torrance wagon starts to roll

SAM TORRANCE, craggy Scot, puffer of roll-ups and occasionally lachrymose member of Ryder Cup teams, signed the pledge to give up drink nine months ago as part of his attempt to gain a place in the last European team. He failed, but now has another reason to stay on the wagon — he is looking to secure a place in next month's Open Championship. If he continues to play as he did yesterday, it will be long time before he next indulges in beverages of an alcoholic persuasion.

At 44 years and ten months, Torrance is the second-oldest man in the field at the Peugeot French Open at the Albatros course here, but he still has the same enthusiasm for the game that he had when he came out

of the little Avshire town of Largs decades ago to make his name as a professional.

That was 28 years ago and for all but the first two of them, he has played in the Open; it is a proud record and one that, understandably, he is keen to maintain. If he finishes in the top five of a mini-order of merit that started in June and will end the week before Royal Birkdale, he will get there without enduring the pain of having to take part in final qualifying. His 64 yesterday, eight under par, was a large step in the right direction.

Torrance, who opened up a two-stroke lead over Pedro Linhart, of Spain, and Eduardo Romero, of Argentina,

na, and a three-shot advantage over John Bickerton, of Great Britain, and Jean van de Velde, of France, has struggled over the years with the yips, that dreadful St Vitus dance of a putting non-stroke, and was a worried man when he recently started missing shortish ones with his trademark long putter. So desperate was he that he returned to a conventional club for a pro-am last week.

"I four-putted the 2nd and shot 63 to win the event, then shot 65 off the back tees at Wentworth two days later," he said. "I got to the 8th there, then got the long one out again. I'm too old to be sitting around waiting for the twitch to come back."

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns containing sports records: BOWLS, GOLF, CYCLING, CRICKET, and RUGBY LEAGUE. Includes names of players and teams, and scores.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table with columns for CRICKET, SAILING, and SPEEDWAY. Lists fixtures and participants for the day.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE advertisement

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent. Begin Bridge with The Times Lesson 11 - MiniBridge 6. You should now have played through two hands in MiniBridge and should be beginning to understand some of the concepts of trick-taking.

Table showing points and number of tricks for different card combinations.

Let's look at some examples. This time West is declarer.

Diagram of a bridge hand with cards and suits.

Here East-West have 33 combined points (West has 19 and East 14). West should aim to make 12 tricks. It looks as if he will succeed this time as he will make five spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs, whether he chooses to play in spades or no-trumps.

Here East-West have 21 combined points (West has 16 and East 5). West should aim to make seven tricks in no-trumps, which again looks just what he will do with five clubs, one spade and one diamond.

Take out your pack of cards, set out the above hands and play them through to make sure you make the right number of tricks. Make sure that you always lead from the hand that took the last trick.

KEENE on CHESS advertisement

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent. Sharp play. Today I play my coverage of the Academics v Philistines encounter, over overwhelmingly by the Philistines team, with two more sharp games from the match.

In the grandmaster encounter between David Norwood and Julian Hodgson, White is already in serious trouble after his sixth move, which allowed his pawn structure to be shattered. In the second game Daniel Johnson, of The Times, survives White's early pressure and counters with an attack that forces checkmate.

White: David Norwood Black: Julian Hodgson Academics v Philistines London 1998

English Opening. Diagram of a chess board showing the opening.

White resigns. The Times book. The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE advertisement. By Raymond Keene. Black to play. This position is from the game Fries Nielsen - Marjanovic, German league, 1988.

WORD-WATCHING advertisement. By Philip Howard. PAPAUMU, OMERTA, SALONFAHIG, ANSWEERS on page 54.

Large advertisement for Agassi tennis equipment, featuring a tennis racket and promotional text.



# Former champion's search for third grand-slam title extended by young German

## Agassi's glory days look distant memory

BY JULIAN MUSCAT  
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

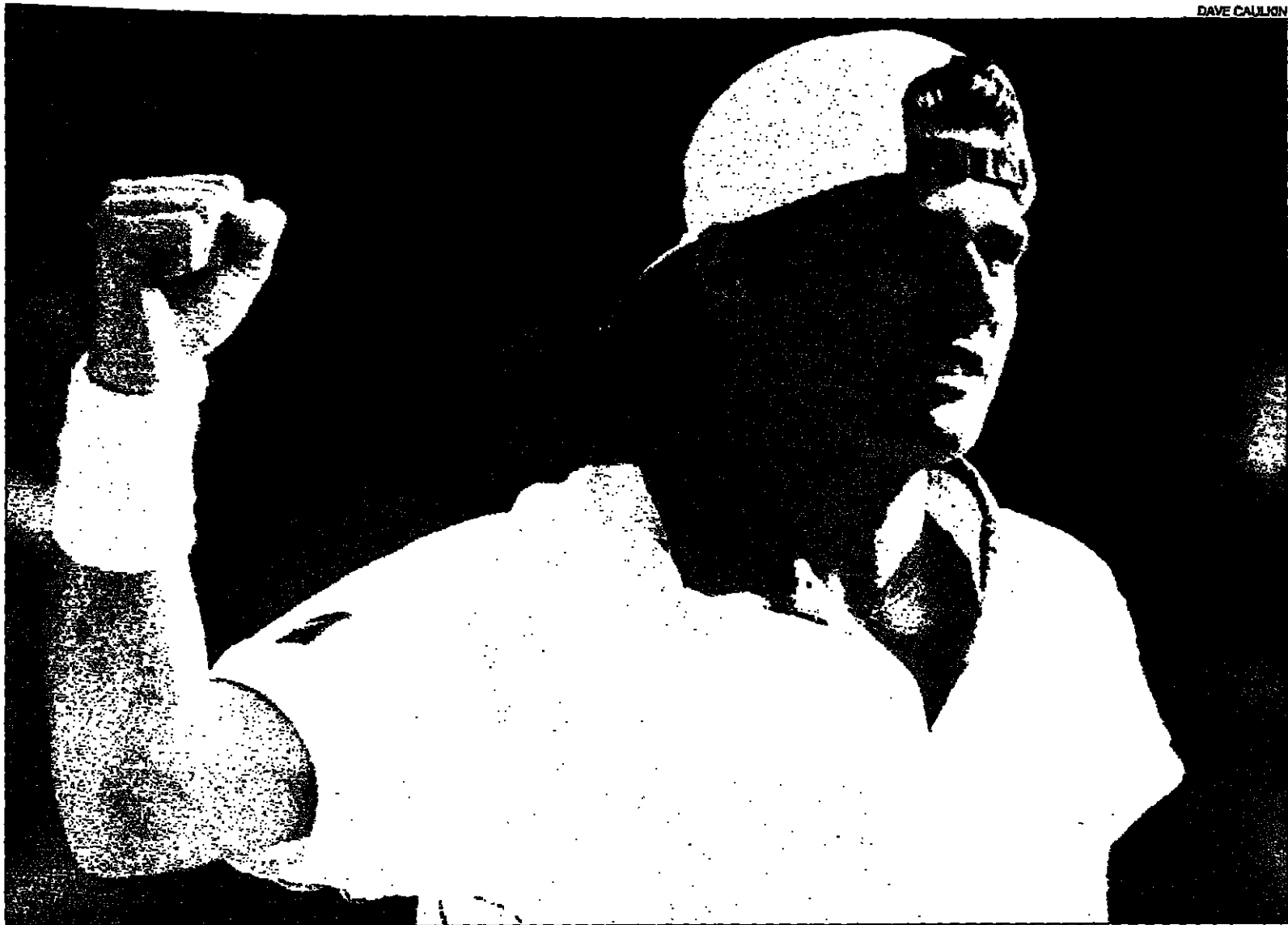
ANDRE AGASSI was bundled out of the Wimbledon championships yesterday by one of the countless clones that he spawned when he announced his rare talent to the world at large ten years ago. In a match carried over from the previous day, Tommy Haas, of Germany, held his nerve to consign Agassi to further disappointment in his efforts to recreate former glories. Haas mastered the man whose style inspired him,



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whose on-court mannerisms he mimics and whose ground strokes he adopted after spending his youth at the Bolletieri academy in Florida — where Agassi was also raised.

"When I was 11, I used to sit on the sidelines and watch Agassi play," Haas, 20, related later. "I used to look up to him." In this match, Haas looked Agassi straight in the eye, forcing the American to look elsewhere for his third grand-slam title. Whether Agassi, 28, will ever find it is looking increasingly unlikely. Haas resumed yesterday 2-1 ahead in sets after a shocking line-call had left Agassi impossible placed in the third-set tie-break. Agassi, seeded No 13, was surely glad of the overnight break, for he was still raging against the errant line judge when he left the court on Wednesday night. He christened the resumption by



Haas raises his fist in triumph after his unexpected victory over Agassi, the player whose style inspired him, on Centre Court yesterday

breaking Haas in the opening game, a stinging service return reducing his opponent to the role of helpless spectator. Agassi's recovery looked assured when he immediately held to love — particularly as Haas, plainly nervous, had to fend off two break points in the very next game. The old Agassi would never have wavered in this period of ascen-

deny. However, he capped a service game punctuated by unforced errors with a double fault at break point and Haas was level at 3-3. Minutes later, with Agassi serving at 4-5 and 40-30, Haas struck fiercely towards the junction of Agassi's side and baseline and the ball was deemed good. Agassi could hardly believe it — he was

again faced with another dubious call at a delicate stage. Another double fault handed Haas a match point, which Agassi survived after Haas snatched at a difficult pass — but he was now on borrowed time. Haas promptly took his second chance when Agassi could barely reach a return that would have done justice to his own famed forehand.

Nick Bolletieri, for many years Agassi's coach and mentor, stayed away from the clash between his old and new protégés. He has clearly fostered both men in the same way. Both are baseliners who attack the ball at every opportunity, rendering their joust more absorbing than classic. Haas's place in Bolletieri's Florida camp was secured by

an unusual route. His father, Peter, a coach with few resources, sought 20 individuals to pay DM50,000 (about £17,000) each towards the costs. These speculators are now rewarded through a percentage dividend of Haas's prize-money earnings. Agassi's exit marked his third unimpressive grand-slam campaign since he re-

sumed, in earnest, in Australia five months ago. Even though he was short of match practice, his once-sparkling repertoire now appears lost within the 12-month hiatus he took from the game.

If this match of many rallies was more about power than technique, regulars on the Centre Court were earlier treated to a rare exhibition of touch play when Hicham Arazi outclassed Carlos Moyá, seeded No 5, in four compelling sets.

Arazi and Moyá, the French Open champion, are clay-court players with precious little experience on grass. The winner would be the man with greater natural talent and that was Arazi, despite his inferior world ranking. Moyá's better application had seen him triumph in both their previous encounters, but the Moroccan drew the applause after two hours of highbrow stuff.

After the earlier reverse of Marcelo Ríos and injury to Greg Rusedski, Moyá's exit has left the bottom half of the draw in tatters. The beneficiary is Richard Krajicek, the former champion and No 9 seed, who triumphed over Dinu Pescariu, of Romania, for the loss of six games. Martina Hingis, the No 1 seed and defending women's champion, was a shade fortunate to come through against Elena Makarova, a Russian ranked No 79 in the world. Hingis, plainly irritated with the rain breaks, wanted to get on and off the court as quickly as possible. She paid scant respect to her opponent, who might have capitalised without her ill-conceived obsession for the drop shot. Hingis's 7-6, 6-4 triumph should serve to remind her that she has no choice but to play second fiddle to the English weather.

Rain interruptions have prompted an earlier start to play, when Tim Henman plays Byron Black, of Zimbabwe, who has won both of their previous matches.

### SPORT IN BRIEF

## Edwards back at Broncos to stay

**RUGBY LEAGUE:** Shaun Edwards agreed a three-year deal to rejoin London Broncos last night and see out his career with the club after a disappointing eight-month spell at Bradford Bulls (Christopher Irvine writes). The Great Britain scrum half, 31, joined London from Wigan Warriors in March last year. Edwards's return in the Broncos' JTB Super League match at Halifax Blue Sox tomorrow has been put on hold because he has a bruised sternum.

David Howes, the former Rugby Football League media officer, who resigned as chief executive of St Helens last week, has been named managing director of Leeds Rugby Ltd to oversee both the rugby league and rugby union clubs at Headingley. Stephen Ball, a former Hull chief executive, also joins the board.

**ICE HOCKEY:** The Superleague, in danger of losing another team after the demise of Basingstoke Bison, has purchased the ailing Newcastle United Sporting Club and formed a company, Newcastle Riverkings, to run the team under its new name.

**RUGBY UNION:** Wales will wait until tomorrow morning before they decide whether to risk playing Robert Howley, the captain, against South Africa in Pretoria. Howley was named as scrum half yesterday along with two new caps, Garan Evans, the wing, and Ian Gough, at lock. Howley's chances are rated no better than even.

**CYCLING:** Jan Ullrich, the winner of the Tour de France last year, showed signs yesterday that he had overcome his early-season lack of form when he finished tenth overall in the Tour of Switzerland — his best performance so far in 1998. He was 4min 57sec behind the winner, Stefano Garzelli, of Italy.

**CRICKET:** The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) announced yesterday that it is to test its leading players for drugs for the first time. "The decision is part of the ACB's review of cricket's doping policy. The tests will be paid for by the ACB," Richard Watson, the ACB operations manager, said.

## Players call shots in mind games with coaches



Rusedski: acrimonious split

AT TIMES, it can be like a marriage; at times, it can be like the worst stages of a divorce — but the relationship between a player and coach is fair. At the bottom of the ladder, the coach performs the simple, technical back-up for the young hopeful — sort out the forehand, beef up the service action — but, by the time the boy or girl has grown into adulthood and is earning serious money, what is needed from the coach depends on the state of the player's ranking and mind.

Greg Rusedski's very public split from Tony Pickard, which was announced on Wednesday, sounds devastating, like the worst stages of a divorce — but it is merely a falling out between individuals. The fact that Pickard no longer advises Rusedski does not mean that the career of the Great Britain No 1 is in peril or on hold.

It was, apparently, Rusedski's trip to Turkey with Rze Daneshmand, his physiotherapist, last week to seek alternative treatment for his injured ankle that closed all lines of communication between player and coach. Unable to talk and unlikely to trust each other again, there was little point in them continuing together.

Alix Ramsay examines the many various roles played by the leading tennis mentors

How players and coaches get together — and, indeed, how they part company — is a hit-and-miss affair anyway. Rusedski and Brian Teacher, his former coach, were thrown together in the equivalent of a blind date. Rusedski was looking for a coach, a player and someone suggested the two might hit it off. Everything was fine for more than a year. Teacher worked on some of technical flaws and, once that

was done, Rusedski wanted something else. Enter Pickard with a new tactical approach. Pickard's record speaks for itself — he coached Stefan Edberg to six grand-slam titles and the world No 1 ranking, then resurrected the career of Petr Korda, grandwork that brought the Czech the Australian Open title in January and his highest ranking.

The payment for such services varies and is seldom formalised by an official contract. Most coaches work on a base rate plus a percentage of prize-money, with bonuses for tournament wins and rankings achieved. As a rough guide, an average coach of an average player will earn around \$1,000 a week plus expenses, while the top coaches can easily earn \$150,000 to \$200,000 a year. What they do for that money depends entirely on the player.

Some need a friend as much as an adviser. What binds Tim Henman and David Felgate is their friendship and understanding of how the other thinks. Felgate keeps Henman sane on the tour.

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### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

<b>Men's singles</b> Winner: £435,000 Runner-up: £217,500 Holder: P Sampras (US) Second round H Arazi (Mor) bt C MOYA (Sp) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 B Black (Zim) bt J-M Gambill (US) 7-5, 6-4, 7-5 T Haas (Ger) bt A AGASSI (US) 4-6, 6-1, 7-6, 6-4 D Sanguinetti (It) bt F Soutillan (Arg) 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 J van Lottum (Hol) bt S Larous (Can) 6-2, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 M Gustafsson (Swe) bt M Chang (US) 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 J BURKMAN (Swe) bt S Pescoscolido (It) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 R KRAJICEK (Hol) bt D Pescariu (Rom) 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 J Stiersma (Hol) bt D Pinosci (Ger) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 C Wilkinson (GB) bt M Rosset (Swit) 6-4, 7-5, 7-6, 6-2 T Martin (US) bt M Diaper (Aus) 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 V Volchokov (Bel) bt M Tebbout (Aus) 6-3, 7-5 T Johansson (Swe) bt V Spadea (US) 7-5, 6-1, 6-3 M Lonsani (Ger) bt S Sargisjan (Arm) 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4 W Ferreira (SA) bt A Costa (Sp) 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 T A Woodbridge (Aus) bt W Black (Zim) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2	<b>Men's doubles</b> Winner: £78,220 Runner-up: £39,110 Holders: T A Woodbridge (Aus) and M Woodforde (Aus) First round G Noves (Hin) and J Tarango (US) bt T Kemper (Hol) and M Coating (Hol) 6-3, 6-4	<b>UNFINISHED MATCHES:</b> G Ivanovic (Cro) leads A Michnev (Ukr) 6-3, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; G Canas (Arg) leads F Clavet (Sp) 7-6, 6-2	<b>Women's singles</b> Winner: £391,500 Runner-up: £195,750 Holder: M Hingis (Swit) Second round S Pistek (Aus) bt J Lee (Taiwan) 6-2, 6-0 D VAN ROOST (Bel) bt A Miller (US) 6-1, 6-1 M HINGIS (Swit) bt E Makarova (Russ) 7-5, 6-3 M Serra (Sp) bt R Grande (It) 6-4, 6-1 S Appelmans (Bel) bt L Laitner (GB) 6-1, 6-4 Viano Pascual (Sp) bt K Po (US) 6-2, 6-4 Y Basuki (Ind) bt A Maureano (Fr) 6-3, 6-4 M Swardi (SA) bt E Tatarova (Ukr) 6-4, 7-6 J Halard-Decugis (Fr) bt A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) 6-4, 7-6 C Moroni (US) bt P H-S Boulais (Can) 7-5, 6-0 T Tanasugarn (Tha) bt K M Cross (GB) 6-2, 7-5, 6-3 L M Michalek (US) bt J Caprian (US) 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt T Penova (Russ) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1	<b>Women's doubles</b> Winner: £154,100 Runner-up: £77,070 Holders: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Bel) First round A J Coetzee (SA) and S Testud (Fr) bt K Habecupova (Slovakia) and O Lugina (Ukr) 6-3, 6-4 T Kosan (Slovakia) and K Stebnik (Slovakia) bt K Freye (Ger) and S Noortlander (Hol) 6-4, 6-2 A Frazier (US) and K Schalkwijk (US) bt L A Ari (GB) and A M H Warrington (GB) 6-4, 6-2 B Coupe (US) and D Dibaba (US) bt M Aringhi (It) and M Bartolini (It) 6-4, 6-2
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### TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY AT WIMBLEDON

<b>CENTRE COURT (11.0):</b> M Zvereva vs S Graf (Ger); T Henman (GB) vs B Black (Zim); P Sampras (US) vs T Engest (Swe) <b>NO. 1 COURT (11.0):</b> M Gustafsson (Swe) vs P Rafter (Aus); M Seles (US) vs Y Baku (Ukr); P Korda (Cz) vs J Gimeno (Fr) <b>NO. 2 COURT (11.0):</b> M Woodbridge (Aus) vs J Burkmann (Swe); C Wilkinson (GB) vs J Sanguinetti (Arg); J Burkmann (Swe) vs S Pescoscolido (It); J Stiersma (Hol) vs D Pinosci (Ger); V Volchokov (Bel) vs M Tebbout (Aus); T Johansson (Swe) vs V Spadea (US); M Lonsani (Ger) vs S Sargisjan (Arm); W Ferreira (SA) vs A Costa (Sp); T A Woodbridge (Aus) vs W Black (Zim)	<b>NO. 3 COURT (11.0):</b> P Lutz (Cz) and D Schuch (Cz) vs J Holmes (Aus) and A Panter (Aus); V Rikard Pasqual (Sp) and P Sanchez (Arg) vs A Soti (Fr) and E Wagner (Ger); M Korda (Cz) and S Sargisjan (Arm) vs J Lous (Taiwan) and S Wang (Taiwan); T Kosan (Slovakia) and K Stebnik (Slovakia) vs M and A Oberlander (Fr); J Laitner (GB) and S Appelmans (Bel) vs L Laitner (GB) and S Appelmans (Bel); Viano Pascual (Sp) and K Po (US) vs Y Basuki (Ind) and A Maureano (Fr); M Swardi (SA) and E Tatarova (Ukr) vs J Halard-Decugis (Fr) and A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr); C Moroni (US) and P H-S Boulais (Can) vs T Tanasugarn (Tha) and K M Cross (GB); L M Michalek (US) and J Caprian (US) vs J NOVOTNA (Cz) and T Penova (Russ)	<b>NO. 4 COURT (11.0):</b> H Coetzee (SA) and V Dostie (GB) vs M Vliegen (SA) and L McGee (Aus); D Bowen (US) and B Talbot (SA) vs A Bisschop (Ger) and J Knopshoch (Ger); T Garbin (Fr) and A Serra-Zaneri (It) vs J Lee (Taiwan) and S Wang (Taiwan); T Kosan (Slovakia) and K Stebnik (Slovakia) vs M and A Oberlander (Fr); J Laitner (GB) and S Appelmans (Bel) vs L Laitner (GB) and S Appelmans (Bel); Viano Pascual (Sp) and K Po (US) vs Y Basuki (Ind) and A Maureano (Fr); M Swardi (SA) and E Tatarova (Ukr) vs J Halard-Decugis (Fr) and A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr); C Moroni (US) and P H-S Boulais (Can) vs T Tanasugarn (Tha) and K M Cross (GB); L M Michalek (US) and J Caprian (US) vs J NOVOTNA (Cz) and T Penova (Russ)
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FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

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ENGLAND: M. Pary, T. Borm, N. Beal, J. Baxendell, A. Healey, J. Lawton, M. Dawson (captain), G. Rotherham, R. Cooden, P. Vickery, D. Sims, G. Archer, B. Clarke, P. Saricsson, A. Diercke, R. Hogg, S. Barton, S. Oporoti, R. Fidler, W. Orwen, P. Greening, Referee: P. Marshall (Australia)

ENGLAND PLAYERS RETURNED HOME: D. Chapman, M. Moore, S. Potter, A. King, P. Richards, G. Chuter

the New Zealand lock, has rumbled thunderously for most of this week. Even yesterday, John Hart, the New Zealand coach, was visibly peeved to find Jones the subject for discussion, more so by the suggestion that New Zealand rugby's position within the country was so powerful that it was capable of manipulation of the sport's laws and legal processes.

England have more mundane matters with which to deal — such as putting their most effective XV on the pitch. Having dispatched to England last night six players who are no longer required, they will hope that their refurbished side can strike some kind of blow for the northern hemisphere.

Once again, they have chosen to name a squad, but their training run in a growing drizzle at Eden Park confirmed that Jos Baxendell will make his England debut tomorrow in a TV showing four

changes from that beaten 64-22 a week ago. Whatever the number on his back, Baxendell is destined to play at fly half in place of Jonny Wilkinson, who is carrying an ankle injury. Tom Beir will start his first international on the wing, ahead of Tim Sürpsson. Dave Sims likewise at lock instead of Grewcock, and Tony Diprose returns at No 8 to the exclusion of the unfortunate Steve Ojomoh. However, there is concern that Garath Archer's damaged ankle will create scrummaging problems and if the aggressive Newcastle lock has not recovered, Rob Fidler would win a first cap.

Does it matter, some cynical supporters might ask, given that four of England's five combinations on this tour have conceded more than 50 points? Of course it does. The playing side of the game in England is about the only coherent area within the political, almost rudderless turmoil and those players — as departing youngsters such as Alex King emphasised — have their personal and collective pride.

Baxendell, for one, is excited about the prospect of playing international rugby in his preferred position of fly half rather than at centre, where he has played most of his rugby for Sale. As a member of Jack Rowell's touring party in Argentina last summer, Baxendell felt that he was unlikely to get a fair crack of the whip however well he played; now, the 25-year-old finds the most unlikely of doors opening for him.

"I prefer fly half because you are involved in the game all the time, you can't switch on and switch off," he said. "You have to try and attack the All Blacks. We have to take a couple of risks — and that's my ethos." He is right in principle, wrong in practice. This England team have not the basic skills that the All Blacks command and without them have been unable to retain possession long enough to present a consistent threat. Those skills must be learnt before players reach the international arena, not in that arena itself, but Baxendell and his colleagues have the opportunity to test a new pairing in midfield — Mark Mayerhoffer and Caleb Ralph — and to leave a distinct impression on a sceptical New Zealand rather than the faintest shadow of a footprint.



Michael Olowokandi, left, shakes hands with David Stern, the commissioner of the National Basketball Association (NBA), after becoming the first player to be drafted in the 1998 NBA draft in Vancouver yesterday (Mark Souster writes). In doing so, Olowokandi — nicknamed "the Kand Man" — completed a remarkable rise in the sport, having taken it up seriously only three years ago while studying at Brunel University. The 7ft 11in Olowokandi, who was born in Nigeria but was raised in England, is joining the Los Angeles Clippers on a three-year contract worth \$9 million (about £5.4 million). Hav-

ing decided to pursue a professional basketball career in the United States, he opened up the Peterson's List of American Colleges, which fell open at P. One telephone call later and Olowokandi, now 23, was enrolled at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. Brought up in Hendon and an outstanding track and field athlete at Newlands Manor School in Sussex, he insisted that his inexperience will not be a problem, for himself or the Clippers. "I'm ready," he said, "I will have the drive to be successful, you will do whatever it takes to achieve your goal."

FOOTBALL

Everton want Kidd to replace Kendall

BY DAVID MADDOCK

MANCHESTER UNITED and Everton are set on a collision course over the future of Brian Kidd, the Old Trafford coach. Everton have made Kidd their No 1 target after yesterday relieving Howard Kendall of his position as manager. However, United are unyielding in their desire to keep Alex Ferguson's assistant, which has upset and angered the former Manchester United player. Kidd feels that his loyalty over the past eight seasons as youth and then first-team coach deserves more.

He has been to see Martin Edwards, the United chairman, on three separate occasions, pleading for the right to speak to Everton. Edwards has so far denied that he has received an official approach from the Merseyside club and said: "Brian is going nowhere. He has only just signed a four-year deal with us. He is not in the running for the Everton job." Yet Kidd, who has long harboured a desire to take the final step up in management, has decided that the Everton job is too great an opportunity to turn down.

Everton's pursuit of Kidd became public yesterday after Kendall was dismissed. A statement from Peter Johnson, the chairman, suggested that it was an amicable, mutual agreement, but the reality is that Kendall had lost the confidence of the board, who voted two weeks ago to seek a replacement. "It saddens me," Kendall said yesterday. "I felt I was on the right lines, but our supporters deserve success." Johnson, for his part, expressed a heavy regret and spoke glowingly of Kendall's qualities, suggesting that his hand was forced in some way by his own board. Adrian Heath, Kendall's assistant, will take temporary control.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 52 PAPAUMU (a) A small evergreen tree or shrub, *Griselinia littoralis*, belonging to the family Cunilaecae. The Maori word. SALONFAHIG (a) Fit for (poetic) society, socially respectable. The German word. OMERTA (a) Refusal to give evidence by those concerned in the activities of the Mafia. A dialect form of the Italian *omittit* humility, with reference to the Mafia code which enjoins submission of the group to the leader as well as silence on all Mafia concerns. SANGA (a) A bull or cow belonging to the East African breed so called, distinguished by large, lyre-shaped horns. The Amharic name.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1. ... Ne3! (i.e. ... Na3 is also good, but this is more incisive); 2. fex3 Bex3-; 3. B2x2 and mate soon follows.

Of Kiwis, karwai and carp

Screaming Reels Channel 4, 8.00pm Auckland in New Zealand is the latest stop on Nick Fisher's world tour of angling. But we are allowed only the merest glimpse of the city as our chirpy host teams up with a local called Eugene and makes for the open waters. Joke number one is that Eugene has to be prised out of a pub where he is ogling a pretty girl. Joke number two is that Eugene affects to be irritated by Fisher's constant rabbling the may not be the only one) and threatens never to go fishing with him again. It may come as a surprise that amid this levity fish do get caught, first a karwai and then, more spectacularly, a 22-pound kingfish. Even more surprising, at least to the uninitiated, is that in New Zealand koi carp are classed as vermin. Fisher is always meticulous about returning his catches to the water but in this case it is illegal.



Michael J. Fox and his wife Tracy Pollan star in Spin City (9.30pm)

Glastonbury 98 BBC2, 9.00 and 11.15pm For the second year running Europe's biggest rock music festival, and often its muddest, is being featured extensively on BBC2. Jools Holland joins John Peel and Jo Whalley to present the familiar mixture of live coverage, recorded highlights and interviews with performers. As usual with Glastonbury the organisers are reluctant to say in advance who will be appearing, but the 500-odd bands are guaranteed to include big names. In addition to the music there will be such attractions as theatre, cabaret, comedy and poetry. Television can never quite capture the atmosphere of such an event, but for those not among the 90,000 expected to make the trip to Somerset it is probably the best bet thing. The cameras are there for all three days of the festival, which ends on Sunday.

flat to fulfil a date they rattle through his belongings for inspiration and come up with a pony. The date, meanwhile, is what Renee (Tracy Pollan), an old flame, on the top of the Empire State Building. They agreed years ago to meet again on his 30th birthday, providing neither has married. Predictably, perhaps, Renee is not the only old flame awaiting our diminutive hero. Amid such froth, a sub-sub-plot about the mayor's supposedly gay nephew seems to belong to a different episode.

Spin City Channel 4, 9.30pm The mayoral politics of New York City are put on hold as Michael J. Fox's spin doctor celebrates his 30th birthday. This is not usually much of a landmark but it provides the writers of this amiable show with a couple of handy plotlines. The first concerns what Mike's colleagues will give him as a present. As he leaves them celebrating in his

King of the Hill Channel 4, 10.30pm Sharp humour and clever plotting continue to be the hallmarks of the animated American sitcom. The artificial leg of a Mexican general captured by the Illinois infantry in 1847 is the unlikely catalyst for tonight's episode. Even more unlikely is the link between this prosthesis, which is doing the rounds of museums before being returned to Mexico, and the attempt by Hank's irascible old dad to renew his driver's licence. It is enough apparently to disappear. As the elements are brought together with such skill that you can enjoy the craftsmanship without having to worry about plausibility. Too much must not be claimed for King of the Hill which aims primarily to amuse. But its commentary on the American dream, as voiced by ordinary Americans, is refreshingly sardonic. Peter Waymark

RADIO CHOICE

Afternoon Play: Talkers Radio 2, 2.15pm A neat piece of writing at the start of this play by Neil Brand has a man talking like a Chicago gangster who turns out to be an orchestra conductor. "We're fightin' for our lives, on our own, backs to the wall, and that's about the strength of it, anybody backin' down? Good, right... from letter B, scherzo, one, two." Talkers is indeed set in Chicago in the late 1920s and is firmly based in the history of the cinema, with Jack Warner touring the country to promote the first talkie, The Jazz Singer. This breakthrough spells disaster for Ronnie O'Connor, a movie theatre band leader, who sets about fighting the "talkers" head on, starting with a drumstick jammed in a projector and graduating to more sinister methods.

Disney's Women Radio 2, 7.00pm Walt Disney died in 1966 but his influence on a century in which entertainment became big business will continue for a long time, for better or worse. This new six-part series has plenty about his career and there are extracts from the films, interspersed with anecdotes from writers, producers and the rest. But the main focus here is the woman Disney had around him, with particular reference to Diane Disney Miller, his daughter, who gave the presenter Brian Sibley a lengthy interview for the series. Today Miller talks about how her parents met, recalls the creation of Mickey Mouse and the impact of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (1937), the first full-length cartoon in colour. Peter Barnard

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevn Greening and Zoe Ball. Live from Lens 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whitey. From the Glastonbury arena 12.00pm Mark Radcliffe 4.00p Doree Pearce 5.45p Newsbeat 6.00p Pure Pop's Essential Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Rap Show 2.00am Fabio and Grooverider 4.00 Emma B

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Women 9.30 Ken Szele 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.00p Johnnie Walker 7.00p Disney's Women. See Choice 7.30p Friday Night is Music Night 8.15p Cocheerme 9.30p Listen to the Band 10.00 David Jacobs 10.30p The Arts Programme 12.00am Charles Nowe 4.00 Jackie Bird

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 The Midday News 1.00pm News and Sport on Five. Coverage of the election for the Irish Assembly, Wimbledon, and the World Cup, including Super 6, Jamaica and Argentina in Costa Rica 7.30 World Cup 95 England v Colombia. Plus, news from St Denis, where Romania meet Tunisia 10.00 World Cup Phone-in 11.00p Late Night Live 1.00am Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

7.00am News 7.15 World Cup Roundup 7.30 A Delicate Line—8.00 News 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Music Review 8.00 News—8.45 only News in German 9.10p Pause for Thought 9.17p Westway 9.30p John Peel 10.00 News 10.05 World Business—Report 10.15p Waveguide 10.30p Speaking of English 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00p Newsdesk 11.30p Assignment 12.00p Newsdesk 12.30p Focus on Faith 1.00p News (60 only) News in German 1.45p World Business Report 1.15p Britain Today 1.30p Sports Roundup Extra 2.00p Newhour 3.00p News 3.05p Outlook 3.20p Multitrack Alternative 4.00p News 4.05p Football Extra 4.15p Songs of Home 4.30p Science in Action (60 only) News in German 5.00p News 5.05p Multitrack Business Report 5.45p Britain Today 6.00p News 6.15p Insight 6.30p Science on a Plate; News in German (60 only) 6.45p Sports Roundup 7.00p Newsdesk 7.30p Focus on Faith 8.00p News 8.01p Outlook 8.20p Pause for Thought 8.30p Multitrack Alternative 8.00p Newhour 10.00p News 10.05p World Business Report 10.15p Britain Today 10.30p People and Politics 11.00p Newsdesk 11.30p Insight 11.45p Sports Roundup 12.00p News 12.05pm Outlook 12.30p Multitrack Alternative 1.00p Newsdesk 1.30p From the West 1.45p Newsdesk 2.00p Newsdesk 2.30p Songs of Home 2.45p Short Story 3.00p Newsdesk 3.30p People and Politics 4.00p News 4.05p World Business Report 4.15p Sport 4.30p Insight 4.45p Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Barry. Nick Barry presents music for the morning 8.00p Harry Kelly. Michael Barry prepares music for the evening. Plus, High Flyer and Record of the Week 12.00p Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones plays favourite music 2.00pm Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 3.00p Jamie Cullum. Songs of Home 4.00p News 4.05p World Business Report 4.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 5.00p News 5.05p World Business Report 5.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 6.00p News 6.05p World Business Report 6.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 7.00p News 7.05p World Business Report 7.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 8.00p News 8.05p World Business Report 8.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 9.00p News 9.05p World Business Report 9.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 10.00p News 10.05p World Business Report 10.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 11.00p News 11.05p World Business Report 11.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor) 12.00p News 12.05p World Business Report 12.15p Concerto. Egar (Molin Concerto in B minor)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Chris Evans 10.00p Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00p Paul Coyle 7.00p Johnny Boy's Whistles of Steel 11.00p Janey Lee 2.00pm Mark Collins

TALK RADIO

6.30am The New Talk Radio Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00p Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 3.00p Argentina v Costa Rica 7.00p World Cup 95 England v Colombia. Plus, news from St Denis, where Romania meet Tunisia 10.00p World Cup Live Commentary 10.00p Mike Allen 2.00pm Mike Dickinson

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Stephanie Hughes. Includes Smetana (Symphonia Concertante in D); Rimsky-Korsakov (Song of the Viking Guest, Sadko); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsody No 2); Warlock (Capriccio Solo) 9.00p Masterworks, with Peter Hobbday. Includes Warlock (Serenade for String Orchestra); Schubert (Arpeggione Sonata in A minor, D821); Schumann (Arbascio, Op 18); Mendelssohn (Overture d'Or) 10.30p Artist of the Week: Colin Davis 11.00p Sound Stories: Musical Travellers — Stravinsky in France, with Richard Baker 12.00p Concerto of the Week: C.P.E. Bach 1.00pm The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert: Aldeburgh Festival, St Petersburg Quartet. Tchaikovsky (String Quartet No 1 in D); Shostakovich (Symphony No 10) 2.00p The BBC Archives: Music of Benjamin Franklin. To mark the 25th anniversary of Franklin's death, Chris de Souza recalls his work as a leading film music composer. 4.00p Musical Revisited. From St John's, Smith Square, London, a second Radio 3 invitation concert from the Luthera Festival of Baroque Music, featuring Chris de Souza, Andrew Marzosa and Caroline Bakling play violin duos by Locatelli.

RADIO 4

6.00am Today, with John Humphrys and Sue Lawley. Includes 6.30p News 7.25p Sports News 7.45p Thought for the Day 8.35p (LW) Yesterday in Parliament 9.00p Doree Pearce. Sue Lawley's castaway this week is the founder and editor-in-chief of The Big Issue, John Bird (L) 9.45p (F) Serials: Infinitesimal Death (5/5) 9.45p (F) An Act of Worship 10.00p News; Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray 11.00p News; The Westbourne Trio. Three women, Brenda Blethyn, Agnes Walker and Ann Barratt reveal their special friendship and enthusiasms to Adam Fowler (L) 11.30p One Flat Summer: The St Ledger. A six-part drama by Dave Sheehy. With Gerard McDermod as Ken and Gillian Bevan as Margaret (L) 12.00p News; You and Yours, with Tricia Rawlinson and John White 12.00p (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Concert 12.15p (LW) 1.00p The World at One, with Nick Clarke 1.30p Who Goes There? Martin Young is joined by Francis Whelan, Fred Housego, Claire Rayner and Roy Hattersley for the quiz about famous people 2.00p News; The Archers (L) 2.15p Afternoon Play: Talkers, by Neil Brand. A tale set in the 1920s as the silent movie era came to an end. With Nathan Osgood, Bradley Lovell, Kristin Marks and Kim Romer. See Choice 3.00p News; Veg Talk 0171-580-4444. Charlie Hicks and Greg Wallace address listeners' questions about organic fruit and vegetables. With the organic expert Lynda Brown 3.30p Matchmakers: Millonaire's Matchmaker. Jo Morris meets people who, in one way or another, could be described as matchmakers (5/5) 3.45p The Pottery Garden, by Rachel Benham. Read by Sally Cookson 4.00p News; Open Book. Humphrey Carpenter talks

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## TENNIS 52-53

Wilkinson keeps  
the flag flying  
at Wimbledon

Beckham stands by with young striker for decisive World Cup clash with Colombia

# England send Owen into the firing line

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN LENS

FROM the back of the hall, an American voice boomed out a question. "Coach," it said, "if Michael Owen was The Beatles and Teddy Sheringham was The Rolling Stones, which tune would you be humming in the shower tomorrow morning, *Twist and Shout* or *Sympathy for the Devil*?" Glenn Hoddle thought about it for a second. "I've always preferred *The Beach Boys*," he said.

The choice between the two men, the debate that has raged around youth and experience, has come to dominate all discussion of the game between England and Colombia here in the Stade Felix-Bollaert tonight that will decide whether Hoddle and his squad progress to the second phase of the World Cup finals and a meeting with either Argentina or Croatia.

Last night it appeared that Owen, the fresh-faced 18-year-old who has scored three for England already in a handful of appearances and so nearly rescued them from defeat against Romania, had finally been handed the chance that he and the nation have been yearning for. Hoddle, having stuck by Sheringham for two matches, has put his faith in the urgency and the innocence of youth.

More than that, it seems he has added to the excitement that this game will hold by ending the very public exile of David Beckham and picking him to play in central midfield. His task will be to provide the bullets for Owen and Shearer to fire and, in the process, to salvage an international career that suddenly seemed to be veering off the rails.

Hoddle refused last night to confirm his team and said that several decisions would be

made this morning depending on the fitness of Paul Ince, who has a damaged ankle. Sol Campbell, who is suffering from a jarred knee, and Paul Scholes, who has picked up a back injury to go with his damaged hand. He said all three would be given final fitness tests in the morning.

Whatever results those tests yield, though, this will be a team cast in a more positive, attacking mode. It is an exciting team, a team capable of gaining much more than the draw that England need to progress to the last 16 and the knockout phase of the tournament.

With Beckham in the centre, Darren Anderton on the right and Graeme Le Saux career-ing down the left, the attacking options are endless. David Batty is likely to play the midfield straight man if Ince fails a fitness test.

Finally, this is the team of

all the talents, the team that the romantics would have picked for that opening game against Tunisia that seems so long ago now, the team that might have destroyed the Romanians with its vivacity and energy had it been played from the start in Toulouse rather than succumbing to that anticlimactic 2-1 defeat.

If this team does not get tonight, if England add more ignominy to their miserable statistic of having won only four times in 20 attempts against South American opposition since 1980, then at least Hoddle cannot be accused of failing to pull out all the stops in the pursuit of the glory that he covets so much.

This will be a team in his own image, almost as if he has thrown off the shackles of caution that seem to have bound him and embraced the youth and the glamour and the hope for the future embodied by Owen and Beckham. Now that he has put his faith in them, they must respond by seizing their chance and proving that they are capable of dealing with the massive weight of expectation that has been placed on their shoulders by the media and the public.

There should be no worries about either of them in that capacity. "Nothing fazes Michael," Steve McManaman, his Liverpool and England team-mate, said yesterday. "His pace is fantastic and his reading of the game is very good. When he gets the ball, the first thing he does is go at people with pace. That's rare. It scares defences."

Beckham, who has been devastated by his surprise exile from the starting line-ups for the first two games, will also be determined to seize his chance. It is a huge opportunity for him, a belated chance to prove that he can excel in the central midfield role that both Hoddle and Alex Ferguson seem to have shied away from.

The prospect of Beckham spraying long passes through the flat back four of Colombia for the scamping Owen and the towering Shearer is mouth-watering. Shearer, so starved of service in the opening two games that he has only had one chance in both, must be relishing the prospect of crosses coming from two sources now that Anderton and Beckham appear to have been accommodated in the same line-up.

As long as England are not hamstrung by the pressure of a one-off game for World Cup survival, then the hope must be that this team will provide a performance that can banish the memories of the defeat by Romania and send English spirits soaring again. Despite all his injury concerns, Hoddle was certainly bullish about his team's prospects.

"There is no fear in our camp at all. We have not allowed what has happened against Romania to affect us. We have kept ourselves isolated from all the talk by staying in our camp and concentrating on



Owen was hoping yesterday that his prayers would be answered with a place in England's starting line-up against Colombia. Photograph: Marc Aspland

# Last chance for Hoddle's men to rout doubters

Oliver Holt finds a welcome precedent in England's 1986 World Cup campaign

For some, it will never be quite the same again. Romania ripped the scales from their eyes and showed them that England are not invincible, that they are vulnerable to swift incursions and that they might not necessarily sweep all before them in these World Cup finals. After intoxication, sobriety followed swiftly.

As England prepare for their decisive group G game against Colombia in Lens tonight, realism has tempered the over-enthusiastic ambitions that England's supporters had been harbouring. We all know now, if we did not before, that it is not going to be easy, that a bad performance will mean defeat, that there is a plane waiting to bring the boys home early.

Those who Tony Adams described on Wednesday as "the doom-and-gloom merchants" will have their pens poised or their fists clenched in premature derision at a thousand television sets in a thousand smoky pubs.

I know. I sat in a college common room in 1986, watching England stumble through their opening group game, listening to friends say that Gary Lineker should never play for his country again. I was agreeing with them. But things got better in that World Cup. Lineker won the Golden Boot, England were denied only by the "Hand of God" and the quick feet of a genius.

The most important thing is that Glenn Hoddle and his squad got their shock when they still had time to assimilate it, to learn the lessons. Americans would call it a "wake-up call".

Hoddle has shown with his omission of Paul Gascoigne from the squad and with the way he has overlooked David Beckham that he is not afraid to make bold decisions. Now he needs to continue that trend. He must begin to let pragmatism play its part, to stop fighting against the momentum of Michael Owen and adapt to the fast-changing demands of the competition.

If Hoddle gives Owen his chance tonight and starts to

draw on the talent of Beckham rather than apparently trying to undermine his lavish skills, England can still blaze a trail through these finals. It does not matter that we might have to play Argentina in the next round rather than Croatia.

Croatia, with Davor Suker and Zvonimir Boban, are a good side. Argentina may be a little bit better. The South Americans looked ordinary against Japan and were flattered by their 5-0 hammering of a poor Jamaica team. In Gabriel Batistuta and Ariel Ortega, they have two world-class players and they are one of the strongest teams in the tournament. Still, England are capable of beating them if they play at their best.

What better way to light a fire under their campaign, to glory in the surprise that Romania gave us, than by beating the first of our bogey teams, the one whose victory over us in 1986 will always rankle? If England were to beat Argentina, then who would bet against them over-

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Lynne Truss	51

coming Germany, Italy and France?

Until now, Hoddle's work has been uncharacteristically unsure. He has talked down Owen and Beckham too much, to the extent where Beckham, in particular, must wonder quite what he has done to deserve the treatment that has been meted out to him.

Yet if Hoddle chooses well tonight, if he starts to swim with the flow of this World Cup and give youth and optimism its chance to breathe new life into England's campaign, then the sky is still the limit and the final on July 12 hoves into view again.

There may be some who think it's all over, but a good result here tonight will change everything.



*'Under the surface I can sense a real determination to work and work and work to get the right result... it's us or them. It's do or die'*  
Gary Neville on how to stay focused Page 51

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# Norway's spot kick finds the Net



THIS is the moment when Norway held its breath and prayed for a miracle: the moment that Moroccans everywhere will remember with anguish until their dying day (Russell Kempson writes). It is the moment when Junior Baiano, the Brazil defender, uses his left hand to tug the shirt of Tore Andre Flo, the Norway striker, and a penalty is awarded. World Cup history was changed in an instant and Norway, not Morocco, progressed into the last 16.

The incident occurred with Norway level at 1-1 against Brazil in their final group A match in Marseille on Tuesday. Kjell Rekdal converted the 88th-minute penalty and Morocco's 3-0 victory against Scotland was rendered irrelevant.

Observers accused Flo of theatrically falling to the ground — television replays were unhelpful — and Esfandiar Baharmast, the American referee, was lambasted. Only yesterday did the truth emerge.

Norwegian television obtained footage and then placed it on the Internet page [www.nrk.no/vm98](http://www.nrk.no/vm98). "It shows clearly that the referee made the right call," Odd Kodefloss, a Norwegian television producer, said. "We think it is the first time a dispute like this has been resolved in this way."

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